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CHOCOLATES

SLOVAKS, JAPANESE WILL USHER IN NEW SEASON

— From LOU GAUTIER —

Almost traditionally now, the Sydney season will start with a Czechoslovakian team playing in Sydney this week.

VSS Kosice, a club from Eastern Slovakia placed third at the halfway mark of the Czechoslovakian First Division championship, now in winter recess, will play against Prague tonight (Wednesday) and against Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

Kosice, coached by Joe Venglos, the former Prague, NSW and Australian (against Scotland in 1967) coach, is the ninth overseas club Prague has presented to the Australian public on an international club level.

Since 1964 Prague have sponsored the Australian visits of FC Basel (Switzerland), Werder Bremen and VfB Stuttgart (West Germany), Sing Tao (Hong Kong) and the Czechoslovakians from Slovan Bratislava, Sparta Prague, Slavia Prague, and Inter Bratislava.

Before appearing in Sydney, VSS Kosice played in Perth and beat Western Australia 2-0, then defeated South Australia 1-0 and Victoria 5-1 last Sunday.

In between their two Sydney matches, the Slovaks will fly to New Zealand where they play in Auckland on Friday.

Hot on the heels of the Slovaks, it will be the turn of the first-ever Japanese club side to appear in Australia.

On Monday evening, at Marks Field, Toyo Kogyo, the reigning champions of Japan, will play against St. George-Budapest.

Toyo Kogyo have seven Japanese internationals in their crack team, including their captain, Ikuo Matsumoto, who ranks second only to Kanamoto as Japan's most popular player.

With Saints fielding four members of last year's successful Australian touring team — Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton and Harry Williams — Monday's match takes on the air of a mini-international between two of the region's soccer giants.

After playing in Sydney, Toyo Kogyo will move to Melbourne for matches on Wednesday and Sunday before winding up their brief Australian tour in Adelaide on Wednesday week.

• For background on VSS Kosice and Toyo Kogyo see page 2.

MEXICO WANTS to COME

The Mexican Federation, which has been recently reconstructed and is now controlled by the First and Second Division clubs, is keen to send its full national team to Australia in October before their season kicks off.

The new Federation president, Jose Luis Perez Noriega, told me that his Federation would be very interested to play here.

If some matches can also be arranged in South-East Asia, the Mexicans would jump at the opportunity to tour Australia — at very reasonable match fees.

The presidents of two Mexican clubs who are on the new Federation Executive, Alejandro Sarquis, of Vera Cruz, and Jose Jaime, of Cruz Azul, the reigning Mexican champions, also expressed the desire to take their teams to Australia before the start of their season.

Both could be got cheaply by an enterprising club if the ASF is not interested, and both would be a bit in Australia as they include some of Mexico's finest players.

The star of Vera Cruz, Pedro Damian, the brilliant forward who stole the show against Australia, would be a tremendous crowd-puller.

If we want Australia to continue to be invited overseas, it is essential for the ASF to extend reciprocal visits.

The ASF could do worse than to invite the Mexican national team, say, for a three-match series against Australia in October if this year's overseas tour does not eventuate.

— LOU GAUTIER

Ampol Cup starts Wed.

The 1971 Sydney Ampol Cup, the 15th pre-season series since the inception of the Federation, starts next Wednesday at the Marks Field.

In the first double-header of the series Marrickville Olympic (ex-Canterbury) will meet the newly-promoted Western Suburbs at 7.30 p.m., and in the late game, at 8.55 p.m., St. George-Budapest will clash with Prague, whose unique distinction it is to have won the Ampol Cup on six occasions.

The first round will continue on Friday week, with matches played simultaneously at Woonona Oval, which will inaugurate brand-new floodlights, and at the Sydney Athletic Field.

On Sunday week the opening round of the Cup will conclude with a double-header at Wentworth Park.

The same format as applied since 1966, when the Ampol Cup ceased being a knock-out competition, will be in force this season.

The 12 First Division teams are grouped in two sections of six teams each, which are:

Group "A": Hakoah, Auburn, Marrickville, Western Suburbs, Ryde, and Pan Hellenic.

Group "B": South Coast, St. George, APIA, South Sydney, Prague and Marconi.

As in the past, teams will score 12 points for a win, five points for a draw and none for a loss.

In addition to the win and draw points, teams shall receive bonus points on the basis of one point for each goal scored.

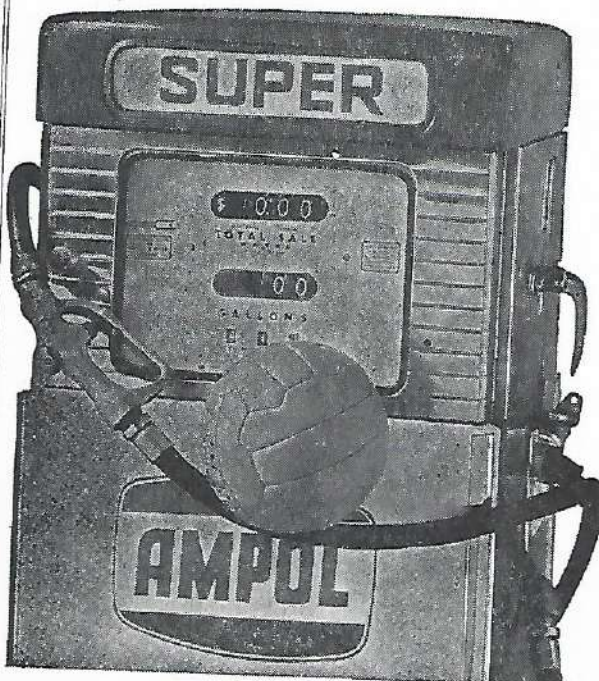
The two leading teams in each section at the conclusion of the round-robin will meet in the semifinals and from this stage the series will be brought to a conclusion on a KO basis.

However, in the event of St. George-Budapest filling one of the first two places in Group "B", their place in the semifinals will be filled by the team which finished in third place as St. George have been given special dispensation to tour Japan, starting at the end of February.



The VSS Kosice team: standing, from left to right — Kralka, Bomba, Desiatnik, Venglos, Hoholko, Dojcek, Danko. First row: Stafura, Poliak, Svajlen, Pivarnik, Boros.

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MELITA BUILD HOPES ON YOUTH AND HARD WORK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Youth, vigor and maximum encouragement to potential local talent will form the basics in rebuilding Melita Eagles' future sides as the club prepares to take the plunge into Second Division football this season after a four-year absence.

There will be no more hastily arranged "panic" club, the future of Melita will be shaped on careful planning and the provision of the best facilities and conditions for the playing staff to boost the team's spirit and morale.

Coupled with new and updated thinking within the club, the future of Melita will be shaped on careful planning and the provision of the best facilities and conditions for the playing staff to boost the team's spirit and morale.

Success will be vigorously pursued with the talent at its disposal and players like Tony Edwards, Vladimir Knaus, Dave McAusland, David Hoare, Ian Macdougall and several others with reasonable First Division experience behind them will form the nucleus of the Eagles' 1971 team.

Melita's coach this season is former Leicester City professional fullback Len Chalmers and their newly-appointed team-manager is Joe Zarb.

The tall red-haired Chalmers is one of the most experienced players to come from England after completing a distinguished football career playing in more than 300 first grade matches for Leicester over a 10-year period.

In the 1968-69 season he was manager of Dunstable Town Football Club in the English Southern League.

He migrated to Australia last May with his wife and two children after some delay which would have landed him the coaching position of George Cross in Melbourne had he arrived earlier.

He was appointed Melita coach in competition with some of Sydney's top coaches who also applied for the job.

Training sessions at Curtis Oval are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., and young players interested are at liberty to call on Joe Zarb or Chalmers at the ground.

Club officials are organising one of the biggest functions the club has ever undertaken for supporters by staging an "Immarja Malta Style" (barbecue and games) at Hortsley Park Showground on Saturday and Sunday January 30 and 31.

WITH THE AMATEURS

Scots have high hopes

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Arncliffe Scots, second club from the now powerful St. George soccer district to enter semi-professional football in Sydney, are relishing the promotion to the new Third Division Federation competition.

Club secretary Major John Grant confirmed this week that Arncliffe Scots had entered the new State Cup competition which starts next month.

The pre-season games will do us the world of good.

"We have our very solid team of 1970, and there is a big influx of juveniles who want to gain a place in our teams," Major Grant said.

The club won the 1970 Inter-Suburban Second Division premiership, and were promoted to First Division.

Then came the Federation decision to establish a semi-professional Third Division, and in went Arncliffe in almost fairy-tale fashion.

Arncliffe, Campbelltown and Revesby Rovers all gained Third Division status.

Arncliffe Scots have a \$500,000 club property right near Arncliffe Railway station.

Campbelltown has developed its football beyond imagination over the past two years.

Club officials have gained substantial Council support, and will develop a major ground in the growth suburb of Sherwood Hills.

REVESBY RISES

Some consider Revesby lucky to gain the nod over University of NSW, but the University is surely better placed in First Division amateur football at this stage.

Arncliffe Scots met some of their 1971 opponents in 1969, with good results.

Their team has improved out of sight since then.

They had successes against Enmore, and West Sutherland when they were known as Loftus.

Wentworthville and Arncliffe have drawn in trial matches.

At the bottom end, Riverside Rapids and East Side have not been admitted to Federation Third Division, and will be classed as Inter-Suburban First Division clubs.

Riverside secretary Fred Hoiler said that his club was most disappointed that

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Second round ties of the Ampol Cup which will be played right through at Melbourne's Olympic Park every Friday night under the lights are: Hakoah v. JUST, Croatia v. Wilhelmina. In the "round robin" stages of the competition all games are of 70 minutes' duration with the first match kicking-off at 7.45 p.m.

In the opening games of the Ampol Cup last Friday, Polonia 2 (Closs, Czarnik) d. Melbourne-HSC 1 (Dobbing) and SM-Hellas 3 (Kokkinos 2, Clark) d. Juventus 1 (Thomson).

George McNeill, a 23-year-old Scottish professional sprinter who is currently a world record holder and is presently in Melbourne for a series of engagements in Victoria, is a soccer player of some distinction. A winger, he has played with Morton and Stirling Albion in Scottish League soccer.

Melbourne-HSC have lost the services of both their first team keepers of last season. Tommy Gerrard, who had been with the club nearly four years, has returned to Scotland while Tom Carmichael, who was on loan from Auburn, has returned to the Sydney side. Better news for Melbourne is the return of winghalf Ian Shanks, who had been in the UK for the past two years.

Croatia, who have State League chairman Enver Begovic back as president, added two new midfield players to their list late in 1970. They are Louis Flood, who was with Crusaders in the Irish League, and Leslie Dunsford, who was with Queensland's Merton.

Ampol Cup cash has been lifted from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Winners could take \$1,500, which almost doubles the previous winning prize of \$800. Sponsors have added a "vote for your favorite" State League Club. \$500 will be awarded to the three top clubs. Spectators will receive vote cards when they enter Olympic Park to mark their nominations.

Nick McCallum, the former George Cross and Melita Eagles centre-forward who returned to Scotland last year to be with his dying father and was later refused a clearance to play in Scotland by the Sydney side, is now working in the Persian Gulf.

David High, the former Reading and Slavia defender who has been with South Melbourne-Hellas for the past three years, wants a move, but so far there has been no reaction from his club. If Hellas do decide to let High move, some of the clubs with glaring defensive weaknesses could get a good catch in this talented and reliable player.

Anton Kuzilek, a linkman or forward who recently arrived in Melbourne to join Croatia, could be in their line-up against Wilhelmina in the second Ampol Cup round this Friday night. Kuzilek played with a Second Division side in Zagreb.

Alistair Scott, the Melbourne-HSC and Victorian defender who was not long back keen on a move to Sydney, has now changed his mind about leaving Victoria and will now settle for a transfer to another State League club. Melbourne are ready to listen to any offers for Scott, and another player they are willing to part with is Paul Deeming, a winghalf or winger who cost them a sizeable fee from South Melbourne-Hellas 18 months ago.

Vic Janczyk, the former Polonia player and coach who also had spells as team boss of Juventus and South Melbourne-Hellas, is the new coach of Croatia. Janczyk, who coached Juventus in 1969 and Hellas last season, replaces Michael Kiss, who has returned to Sydney. Kiss, who had three years with Croatia, was the longest-serving State League coach.

Success has come quickly to Ken Kontra, a Hungarian who played with St. George-Budapest's predecessor in Sydney and who until six months ago had only Metropolitan League experience as a coach in Melbourne. In the latter part of 1970 Kontra took over as coach of Slavia and, although unsuccessful in saving them from relegation, caused enough impression for Melbourne-HSC to appoint him as successor to Zyomir Rasic. Kontra soon after was appointed Director of Coaching in Victoria, and last week he jumped to the top of the ladder with his appointment as coach to the Victorian State team.

— JIM COOK

TRANSFERS

The official transfer list includes the names of players like Terry Eaton, John Duffy, Casey De Bruin and others with years of First Division experience, but some are certain to get back into the fold to help the club put up a strong challenge for instant promotion in 1971.

However, as one club official put it: "Melita would not stand in the way of any player who desires to move and better himself."

"We are prepared to negotiate with any club interested in the services of any of our players."

Still pursuing their desire to establish themselves in the Western Suburbs, Melita Eagles at this stage are holding training sessions at

CRISIS IN THE WEST

— From DOUG STEWART in Perth —

The days of the members of the board of the West Australian Soccer Federation are numbered.

This became apparent after the recent annual General Meeting of the Federation.

Whether the federation will exist as it has done for the past decade is most doubtful.

Julius Re, the president of the federation, survived a vote of no confidence in his administration by 15 votes to 12.

What brought this sorry mess to a head was the presentation by the president of an incomplete financial statement.

FINANCIAL MESS

The federation's auditors issued a statement saying they could not arrive at a final balance because of incomplete records.

This disgraceful situation is the culmination of months of dissatisfaction over the manner in which the affairs of soccer in WA have been handled by the board.

The clubs are mainly to blame here, and by this I mean the secretaries of the clubs who are supposed to see that soccer in this State is run properly.

But, sad to say, some are

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AMATEURS PREPARE FOR THE START OF STATE CUP

Amateur clubs are eagerly awaiting the draw for the preliminary rounds of the NSW State Cup competition, which will come out of the hat on February 1.

This is the first time a State knock-out competition has included amateur clubs.

The players have responded with wholehearted enthusiasm to the Cup challenge, proving once again that the appropriate incentive is the lifeblood of football.

West Sutherland, one of the favorites to reach the final four to join the Federation Second Division clubs, is already in training at their Hotham Road ground.

Club official Bill Hodges welcomed the chance to enter the State Cup.

The club will hold its first official trial against Bellambi at Bellambi on February 21.

Other games are also being arranged.

Matches have been settled for March against Maroubra and Rosebery.

At this stage West Sutherland are seeking an experienced left-back.

First team defender David Champion has moved to Blacktown, and John Turner has returned to Sutherland Federation club.

These are the only two losses, and the club has plenty of promising youngsters on the make.

At this stage there is some chance that home games will be played at Seymour Shaw Park, although Hotham Road has been topdressed, and re-turfed at one end.

Mackey Park available

Marrickville club secretary Tom Sanders has offered Mackey Park to the Federation for any double-header State Cup preliminaries on either Saturdays or Sundays.

Marrickville Council has topdressed the main field, which is well grassed following the summer rains.

All of last year's first team players are available.

The club is negotiating with Marconi-Fairfield for the release of strong third back Roberto Murru.

Murru lives locally, and his young son already plays in the club's very junior ranks.

He coached an under-16 team for the club a few seasons ago, and his ability

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

in this sphere alone would be a boon.

Sanders would like to see more amateur clubs get through to play Federation Second Division clubs in the ties in subsequent years.

As it stands, 36 clubs from outside the First and Second Division Federation competition clubs will be drawn in the southern section of the State Cup.

These will reduce to four, which will join the 12 Second Division clubs.

These then reduce to eight clubs when joined by the First Division.

The final eight clubs will join with the top eight from Northern NSW, which will have conducted a similar elimination series.

Amateur entries

The NSW Amateur entries have been chosen on their 1970 records.

The entrants are: Bulli, holders of the NSW Amateur Cup, Hurlstone Park, 1970 "Champion of Champions," Orange Waratah, premier club of Western NSW, Talbingo, Riverina winners.

Also joining will be the ACT Federation winners

and the Southern Tableland winner.

What a welcome, if long delayed boost, for the country clubs!

Spartan training

Blacktown Spartan's inter-suburban team started training on January 19 in a bid to make a bold showing in the newly-introduced State Cup competition.

Coach, John Jancek has arranged an intensive training program which will be held at the club's ground, Francis Park, Blacktown.

The club is seeking new players for all positions; these can be registered either at the training sessions each Tuesday and Thursday or by telephoning the secretary, Gordon Spencer at 622-4807.

Jancek said this week he had been asked by the club's committee to arrange a long-range training program aimed at working the club into a higher division of soccer.

Ten years ago, Blacktown were in Second Division," Jancek said.

"It is our intention to get back there, in about five years," he said.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Victorian fans are in for a glut of soccer when four matches are scheduled for the next five days.

Tonight (Wednesday), Victoria's State side meets the Japanese club side, Toyo Kogyo, under lights at Olympic Park and on Sunday, also at the Park, Juventus will play against the Japanese champions.

Victoria have to redeem themselves after the 5-1 drubbing they received from VSS Kosice and to be in with a chance the local line-up is expected to be well shaken up.

Juventus v. Toyo Kogyo match also merits close attention.

Juventus must win to emphasise that real progress has been made over the years in Australian club soccer.

For the Japanese, late starters in the game, will, if they win, use victory to enlarge on their achievements to date and at the same time bring home the reality that our club standard is not as good as we think it is.

It could be tough for Juventus who will be playing their second match in 48 hours and who are certainly missing ace defender George Kinnell, now with Western Suburbs in Sydney.

On Friday night, once again at Olympic Park, the Ampol Cup swings into the third round with the following pairings and the first game scheduled for 7.45 p.m.: Juventus v. JUST, Melbourne v. Croatia.

Last Friday's Ampol Cup results were: Croatia 1 (Vojtek) d. Wilhelmina 0; JUST 2 (Velicovich, Buljevic) d. Hakoah 0.

Tony Hunt, the Luton Town chairman who is a wealthy businessman with interests in Australia, is due to arrive in Melbourne shortly for a stay of several months during which time he will take over as president of Box Hill Soccer Club, back in the State League after a season in the First Division. This will be a big boost to Box Hill, the only British-sponsored team in the State League, and during Hunt's temporary term of office former Box Hill defender Tommy White will step down as president and take over as chairman.

Another Victorian striker with his sights set on a move to Sydney is 23-year-old centre forward Mike Clarey, of Hakoah. Clarey, a six-footer, joined Hakoah at the start of last season from the London amateur ranks and made his presence felt in State League soccer by being the top scorer in 1970. His efforts were rewarded by the State selectors recently when he played for Victoria against Kosice. Clarey's reason for wanting a move is the drastically reduced terms offered by Hakoah.

Ken Pattison, the former Lions and George Cross coach, could be back in business soon. One State League club is reported to be interested in securing Pattison, a former Kilmarnock player as team manager, while a Metropolitan League side wants him as a coach.

JUST could be almost unrecognisable this season with so many new players arrived or scheduled to arrive soon from Yugoslavia. Two arrived some time ago, four touched down in Melbourne last week and another four are expected soon. The four latest arrivals are: Mate Zivkovic, a utility player from Zadar, Marjan Lopatic, inside-forward from Nova Gorica, Jovan Milinovic, centre-half from Novi Sad, and Stevan Rujevic, an inside-forward from Backa. JUST have also imported a new coach — Steve Djajpash, who coached, among others in Yugoslavia, Novi Sad and also had a three-year spell in Germany.

The Moscow Dynamo v. Victoria fixture scheduled for Saturday night, February 27, at Olympic Park may cause the VSF some worry before the match is even played. For the previous night Friday (February 26) is earmarked for the first semifinal of the Ampol Cup. The VSF must hope that the semifinalists are sides whose players are unlikely to be utilised, but this, of course, would only be wishful thinking. And the opposite could apply. The VSF wanted Sunday afternoon for the date and time-slot. But Olympic Park is unavailable on Sunday.

— JIM COOK

Crisp shots

WA Hellas will only be minus one of their Coca Cola Challenge Cup winning squad when they meet Toyo Kogyo, of Japan, on Wednesday night.

State striker, Alex Zervas, currently on holiday in Greece, is the absentee. However, Hellas received a windfall last week with the unexpected return from Greece of stopper, Lucki Vagianos. The former SA and Tasmanian representative leaped straight into training and will challenge for a permanent berth in the Ampol Cup holder's side.

Hellas solved their reserve goalkeeper problem by signing Port Adelaide custodian, Bill Nettleton, who should prove a capable substitute for Evangelos Drandakis who has returned to Greece. Hellas moved well to defeat Elizabeth City in their opening Ampol Cup game. However, the big question arises — can Hellas achieve victory over a visiting overseas team? No State team has managed this feat, but Hellas are confident and capable of fully extending the Mazda magicians.

Beograd - Woodville have appointed former Austria and Apollo XI coach, John Putnins to succeed Elio Marusic as coach.

Elizabeth City have signed former WA midfield player, Trevor Mulvaney from Geraldton club, La Fiamma. Mulvaney played for WA against NZ last year and was being sought by several First Division Perth clubs.

The new Mario Bailetti Grandstand was officially opened at Hindmarsh Stadium last Friday night by the Chief Secretary, A. Shand. The new stand, in reality extensive additions to the old one, cost \$75,000 and can accommodate 3,000 spectators.

Former Scottish international and Sunderland captain, Alex Hastings, has been appointed president of the SA Federation. The new board is: A. Hastings (president), J. Connell, G. Linarelli, P. Nickolich, C. Connolly, F. Bencini, L. Suchanek (chairman, First Division), R. Saddler (chairman, Second and Third Division).

Polonia striker, John Mielnik, who was the big find of last year's Ampol Cup will miss this season's series because of a chipped cartilage.

SA Ampol Cup Scorecard: WA Hellas 2 (Birch 2) d. Elizabeth City 1 (Beddall); Juventus 3 (White, Tamandl, Sheriffs) d. Budapest 1 (Yeing); Polonia 1 (H. Kolecki) d. Campbelltown-Azzurri 0; USC Lion 1 (B. Nyskohus) d. Enfield-Victoria 0.

— ALLAN CRISP

GUILDFORD WILL FOSTER YOUTH

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Newly-promoted Second Division club Guildford Wanderers awaits the 1971 season with confidence despite the fact that very few new faces will be added to the team which helped the club in its promotion quest.

The side had its first training run last week under its coach of a few years, former Swindon Town player Vince Jack.

However, despite its purely amateur status, Guildford was able to sign-up all last year's players.

During the off-season club officials had to face the NSW Soccer Federation Screening Committee which invited Hornsby-NE along to the proceedings to show that it has the facilities and organisation to compete in Second Division.

The club has guaranteed that Guildford Park will be fenced and work on the project started this week to enclose the park which, incidentally, has already been returned in places to give a first-class surface.

Many junior teams

A purely district team, Guildford has a long line of juniors and wheels are in motion for its annual organisation to field 37 junior teams in the Granville District Junior Football competition, with players from the ages of six to all-age.

The club has tentatively set Friday February 26 as its managers' night, but the young players are expected to be signing their names on February 13 and 20.

MINI-AMPOL

Mini-Ampol Cup ties will be played at Bankstown Centre on Wednesday February 27, and on the three following Wednesday nights.

Amateur officials are hoping to stage early games to Moscow Dynamo fixtures in Sydney.

QUIZ SOLUTION

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1970 World Tour summary

— By Lou Gautier —

WILSON EMERGED AS TOP STAR OF THE TEAM

Peter Wilson, who developed into a class "sweeper", the likes of which no Australian team has even known, just edged out Manfred Schaefer as the top individual performer of the 1970 world tour.

John Warren was a close third, followed by goalkeeper Jack Reilly, with Mike Denton, the surprise-packet in attack, next in his rankings, which coincided with those of coach Zvonimir Rasic.

Let me hasten to add, however, that every player performed with distinction and every one of them must take credit for the splendid results.

This is how I assessed the 19 tourists:

Jack Reilly

With the Juventus-Melbourne goalies, Australia has solved its goalkeeping problems until the next World Cup.

The best goalkeeper in Australia since Ron Lord, Reilly dominates his penalty box and is the boss of his defence.

But he is also more than that: he is a big match player who performed brilliantly against Israel, when he kept us in the match in the last half, and he was Australia's top player in the last three matches of the tour, earning great acclaim from the Mexican Press.

Roger Romanowicz

The likeable South Australian, whose personality off the field is an asset for any touring team, is sure to get his chance soon and will be a full member of Australian squads for years to come.

Very impressive at training, he was forced to long frustrating spells on the bench as Rasic couldn't possibly replace Reilly.

John Roche

The youthful Marconi fullback fitted into the team's disciplined pattern of play and his ability to carry out instructions and marking the man when told to earned him a regular place in the first team.

At times he overlapped magnificently, setting up several goals.

He has potential, but still needs to learn as his lack of ball control was mercilessly exposed by superior opposition, such as the skilful Mexicans.

Colin Curran

The unheralded Newcastle fullback, whose selection raised several eyebrows, was one of the revelations of the tour.

He has ball control and creativity above the average, and a good shot with either foot, which he demonstrated on several occasions.

Curran, however, is severely handicapped by failing physical condition and is a good example, as Rasic would say, of someone playing in top company with an amateur body — an indictment of his coaching and training at club level.

Peter Wilson

For me the South Coast defender was the number one performer of the tour.

He quickly developed into a top-class "sweeper" and the real leader in defence where his influence was enormous.

In him Australia has a world-class defender who drew very favorable comment wherever he played.

His wonderful personality off the field was also something of a surprise.

The perfect tourist, he is sure to be the kingpin of our defence for many more years.

Manfred Schaefer

One of the "old guard" in experience if not in years, he was only just shaded by Wilson as the star of the tour.

His dedication and his ability to mark any player out of the game were tremendous assets.

His matches against Israel and Luton Town were the outstanding individual performances of the tour.

Wilson also has "Manny" to partly thank if his task at times was made easier because he played the role of second stopper to perfection at all times.

Harry Williams

The St. George teenager was one of the true "learners" of the tour.

Unfortunately for him, all the matches were too important to risk any experiments to assess his ability right now.

There is little doubt he has potential and on the few occasions he turned out, he showed he is the type of player Australia will need in the future — and at his age the future does belong to him if his present rate of progress continues.

Dennis Yaeger

He was one of our best defenders at the start of the tour and the left back position was his until the last match in Teheran.

His lack of speed, however, did not allow him to achieve the tight-marking which was required, and when his best friend, Colin Curran, grabbed his chance surprisingly well it was impossible for Yaeger to get back into the team.

It would be hard to find a nicer tourist and the manner in which he accepted his eviction was an inspiring example of sportsmanship which won the Hakoah player many admirers.

Sandy Irvine

Wilson and Schaefer were "responsible" for another good player cooling his heels on the bench.

Irvine's only chance to play came when he was called on to replace fullbacks Roche or Curran, but he is not as good a fullback as a centre-back, so it would be unfair to judge him solely on his performances at fullback.

He made his full debut against Mexico, in the toughest match of the tour, and although he didn't set the world on fire, there is every indication he has his place in future national squads.

Ray Richards

A player who was forgotten since the 1967 Asian tour, Richards showed he can give sterling service, especially in the big matches.

Strong and resilient, he had the knack to pop up from behind with some tremendous shooting which upset more than one opposing defence.

He fitted perfectly in the team's pattern of play, and although he was visibly tired in the latter stages of the tour and slowed down, he was one of the key players in our big wins in Iran, Israel and Greece.

Jim Mackay

Lack of stamina explained why this classy, elegant half-player was inconsistent although he was the most technical of the tourists.

With Mackay it was all or nothing.

At his top — as against Greece, Iran and Israel — he was a colossal match-winner, but when he played on heavy grounds or in Mexico's rarified atmosphere he faded badly and was unable to motivate the Australian midfield which depended so much on him.

John Perin

One of Australia's most polished individual performers, endowed with brilliant ball control and foot-work, the Adelaide idol did not fit into Rasic's conception of play.

Rasic thought that his midfield play was old-fashioned, and not direct enough.

It was also his bad luck that our linkmen Mackay, Richards and Warren played so well early on tour that they could not be replaced.

John Doyle

A tremendous physique and excellent technique, but too slow in making split-second decisions on the field — that was John Doyle.

Like Perin, however, the main reason why he rarely played a full match was that the midfield belonged to Mackay, Warren and Richards.

The South Sydney player was one of the best Australians at training, and off the

field there was never a dull moment with this well-read schoolteacher.

John Warren

"Skipper", as the boys called him, played in all 15 matches and deserves unstinting praise for displaying true qualities of leadership.

In many matches we saw the best of Johnny Warren when his drive, positional sense and creativity made the difference between winning or losing.

It was not a coincidence that our greatest victories coincided with his best matches, and vice-versa on the few occasions the strain of continuous match-play caught up with him.

George Blues

It took the APLA winger quite some time to settle into the wing-play Rasic was after, and he was twice dropped from the team in the early part of the tour.

After Israel, however, he was one of the best players, except against Mexico, and a vital cog in the team's well-being.

His experience was invaluable, and he was one of the few tourists whose individual skill compared favorably with our opponents.

David Keddie

The Hakoah striker had an unhappy tour, not made any easier when Denton became an instant success and kept him out.

He wasn't patient enough to wait for his chance, although he can't be blamed altogether for feeling unhappy that his three goals in his only two appearances went unapplied.

Billy Vojtek

Vojtek started the tour brilliantly, like the Billy Vojtek of old, and was an automatic choice until Israel.

(Continued page 7.)

Peter rubbed them the right way

If ever there was one member of the 1970 touring party who earned every cent of his weekly pay packet it was physiotherapist Peter van Ryn.

The physio's role is always an exacting one on tour as he must always be on hand to cater for the players, and some of them can be most demanding, seeking a massage or attention at all hours.

Van Ryn was always there when needed, often staying back at the hotel when other members of the party were out enjoying themselves.

Physiotherapy, however, wasn't his only chore on the tour.

Peter was also the gear steward and had to look after the balls.

It was his job to chase up the missing jerseys, socks and shirts, but in this respect the 1970 tourists were different.

Very few pieces of gear or equipment vanished and none were "souvenired" off to his knowledge.

On departure and arrival days van Ryn was also always the first up and the last in bed as it was his job as well to check that all the large ASF suitcases were accounted for.

Mercilessly ribbed by some of the more high spirited players when the tour started, Peter van Ryn in a matter of days had turned the teasing and pranks into genuine affection and respect.

The players showed Peter their appreciation by chipping in after the match against Mexico and buying him two superb pieces of Mexican brassware.

Dr. Corrigan summed up the general feeling when, at an informal farewell get-together in a Mexican hotel suite, he said that van Ryn would be the first on his list when future Australian touring parties would be picked.

DENTON WAS TOP SCORER

Australia's 30 goals of the tour were scored by:

Mike Denton 6
Adrian Alston 4
Ray Richards 4
George Blues 3
David Keddie 3
Bill Vojtek 3
John Warren 3
John Doyle 2
Sandy Irvine 1
Jim Mackay 1

In the four full internationals — against Iran, Israel, Greece and Mexico — our goals were scored by: Alston (2), Richards (2), Mackay (1) and Blues (1).



MIKE DENTON

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES ON TOUR

	v. New Caledonia	v. New Caledonia	v. Jardine	v. Macao	v. Iran "B"	v. Iran*	v. Teheran XI	v. Israel*	v. Haifa XI	v. Greece*	v. Greece "B"	v. Luton Town	v. Manchester City	v. League of Ireland	v. Mexico*	Total appearances
JACK REILLY	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
ROGER ROMANOWICZ				x						x						2
COL CURRAN	x						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	10
MANFRED SCHAEFER	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
PETER WILSON	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
DENNIS YAEGER	x	x	x	x	x	x								x	x	9
SANDY IRVINE				x					x	x					x	5
JOHN ROCHE		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
HARRY WILLIAMS			x	x										x		4
JOHN PERIN		x											x			4
JOHN WARREN	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
RAY RICHARDS	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
JIM MACKAY	x		x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	12
JOHN DOYLE	x	x		x			x									7
GEORGE BLUES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
MIKE DENTON	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	14
ADRIAN ALSTON	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	13
BILL VOJTEK	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			11
DAVE KEDDIE				x					x							2

* denotes full internationals.

WORLD TOUR IN '71 MAY HAVE TO BE SCRAPPED

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Despite a unanimous resolution at the Australian Federation's Annual General Meeting only two months ago to send the national team overseas again this year, the end-of-season tour is anything but certain.

Some ASF members are seriously considering instead to bring a national team to Australia in October for a series of matches against our own side.

A decision is likely to be made when the national tours and national team sub-committees meet next month.

Those in favor of keeping the Australian team at home this year point out that Australia's next World Cup campaign is likely to cost about \$50,000.

Only a successful tour of Australia by a leading overseas team, they say, can bring in that sort of money.

Last year's tour by the national team, however successful on the field, predictably resulted in an estimated loss of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

There is no guarantee that another overseas tour this year will cover all the costs of sending the team away, even if the ASF is in a better bargaining position now as a result of last spring's splendid international results.

Those who want to keep the team at home in 1971 also profess to be catering for local fans, whom, they say, are also entitled to see the Australian team in action at home.

If the "stay at home" faction in the ASF get its way, chances are that Aus-

tralia's full national team will contest the inaugural Oceania Nations' Cup in Noumea in mid-October, then return to take part in a three-match series against a national team.

Which national team it will be is the \$64 question at this stage.

The Mexicans, as we revealed last week, would be willing to send their team in late October or early November, before their season gets under way.

Israel is another distinct possibility because they didn't hide the fact in Tel-Aviv last year that they were seeking reciprocal visits with us.

Since Israel will be playing in an Olympic qualifying round-robin tournament in Rangoon, Burma, around that time, the ASF would only have to pay the return fares from Burma to Australia to get the Israelis here.

There has also been some talk about the possibility of a tour by the USSR national side.

This, however, is problematical because the Soviet season only ends in November — too late probably for a successful soccer promotion in Australia.

We feel the ASF should consider either Argentina, Mexico or Uruguay, all of whom would be enormous attractions at moderate cost.

Iranian chickens come home to roost

The president of the Iranian Football Association, General Mostafa Mokri, whose "distinction" it was to be tagged the Australian team's "enemy number 1" during the tourists' unhappy nine-day stay in Teheran last year, was again in the news at last month's Asian Games in Bangkok.

Mokri made himself thoroughly unpopular with the Australians when he declared, after Australia had been held to a scoreless draw by Iran "B" in the first match, that the Australians weren't good enough to have a crack at the full Iranian national team and that they should be happy they didn't have to play the country's top international side.

Then, after Australia had beaten Iran 2-1, Mokri showed what a bad loser he was by refusing to have a cup of tea with Australian officials Frank Parsons and Ian Brusasco.

Mokri's speech at the official banquet at Teheran's select British Club also didn't go down well with the visitors.

An unrepentant Mokri sarcastically "congratulated" the Australians for remaining unbeaten in Iran, but promised revenge if ever Iran fielded its full international team.

Judging by the match reports of the recent Asian Games, held last month in Bangkok, the Aussies did meet the cream of Iranian soccer in all three matches in Teheran.

Ashtiani, Adibi, Parvin, Behzadi, Habibi, Yavari, Sharfi, Ismaili and Eftekhari — all of whom played against the Aussies — were mentioned in dispatches from Bangkok where the Iranians failed to qualify for the second round after drawing 2-2 with Indonesia and losing 0-1 against South Korea.

Iran's elimination didn't go down well with General Mo-

kri, who accused South Korea and Indonesia of having deliberately played a scoreless draw to put Iran out.

Mokri, in a strongly-worded statement to the Press, said he was ashamed, "as a football fan", of the two teams' disgusting performance, and charged the match had been "fixed" with the Koreans' and Indonesians' mutual consent.

"It will have a bad effect on the promotion of Asian soccer", Mokri added piously, conveniently forgetting the all-in brawl between his team and Indonesia in the opening match of the Asian Games when 30 policemen had to separate brawling players with their electrically-charged sticks.

RIOT

The Iranians started the fight when they objected to Indonesia's late equaliser.

It was a repeat of the 1966 Games when Iranian players caused a riot against Japan, which also had to be quelled by steel-helmeted police.

After watching first hand the manner in which local referees go out of their way to accommodate the Iranian players when they play international matches at home, it is easier to understand why Iranian players rebel against neutral referees when they play abroad, and get involved in nasty scenes.

Iranian teams get away with murder in Teheran under the benevolent gaze of hometown referees, who are never forgetful of their patriotic duty and cheat their darlings against visiting sides as the Australians found to their chagrin.

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FULL DRAW OF '71 AMPOL CUP

ROUND 1

Wednesday, January 27: Marrickville Olympic v. Western Suburbs (7.30 p.m.); St. George-Budapest v. Prague (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Friday, January 29: South Coast v. APIA (8 p.m.) — Woonona; Hakoah v. Auburn (8 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Sunday, January 31: South Sydney v. Marconi (2.15 p.m.); Ryde v. Pan Hellenic (3.40 p.m.) — Wentworth Park.

ROUND 2

Wednesday, February 3: Auburn v. Ryde (7.30 p.m.); Prague v. Marconi (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Friday, February 5: South Coast v. St. George-Budapest (8 p.m.) — Woonona; Western Suburbs v. Pan Hellenic (8 p.m.) — Garside Park, Granville (ex-Macarthur Park).

Sunday, February 7: Hakoah v. Marrickville-Olympic (2.15 p.m.); APIA v. South Sydney (3.40 p.m.) — Wentworth Park.

ROUND 3

Wednesday, February 10: St. George-Budapest v. South Sydney (7.30 p.m.); Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Friday, February 12: South Coast v. Prague (8 p.m.) — Woonona; Western Suburbs v. Ryde (8 p.m.) — Garside Park.

Sunday, February 14: Auburn v. Marrickville-Olympic (2.15 p.m.); APIA v. Marconi (3.40 p.m.) — Wentworth Park.

ROUND 4

Wednesday, February 17: Hakoah v. Ryde (7.30 p.m.); St. George-Budapest v. APIA (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Friday, February 19: South Coast v. Marconi (8 p.m.) — Woonona; Auburn v. Western Suburbs (8 p.m.) — Garside Park.

Sunday, February 21: South Sydney v. Prague (2.15 p.m.); Pan Hellenic v. Marrickville-Olympic (3.40 p.m.) — Wentworth Park.

ROUND 5

Wednesday, February 24: Hakoah v. Western Suburbs (7.30 p.m.); Marrickville-Olympic v. Ryde (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

Friday, February 26: South Coast v. South Sydney (8 p.m.) — Woonona Oval; Auburn v. Pan Hellenic (8 p.m.) — Garside Park; APIA v. Prague (7.30 p.m.); St. George-Budapest v. Marconi (8.55 p.m.) — Marks Field.

SEMIFINALS on Wednesday, March 10, at the Sportsground.

FINAL on Sunday, March 14, at Wentworth Park.

— LOU GAUTIER

AUST. HAS LOST ITS BABY TEETH

— By PAUL DEAN —

Summing up Australia's sporting achievements in 1970, Channel 10 commentator Jim Shepherd also included soccer.

Somewhat mysteriously, he claimed that due to our tour results, Australia now "ranked 12th in the world".

While this is almost certain to be a vast exaggeration — at present not even Hungary, Czechoslovakia or Spain are in the first 12 — the chances are we rate considerably higher than one would have had reason to suspect.

Several recent international matches provide us with a convenient yardstick. (See panel.)

Australia defeated Greece 3-1 in Athens — the same score that the West Germans achieved a few days later, against almost the same Greek team.

And the West Germans were, almost universally, rated the second best team in the 1970 World Cup, after Brazil.

Still in December, the Swiss scored a 1-0 win over Greece, in Athens.

And the Swiss are no beginners, either: in 1970 they played a draw with Italy and lost only 0-1 to Hungary.

Taking our measuring tape one step further: last year's West German Bundesliga champions, Borussia Monchengladbach played three matches in Israel in December.

They defeated Israel 1-0 — the same as Australia did — and drew with the Haifa team, 2-2, hours after the Tel Aviv encounter.

Santos, the famed Pele team, visited Hong Kong in December and played four friendlies there against Hong Kong XI's.

Once they won by four goals and on three occasions by three goals.

In October Australia beat the best Hong Kong club side, Jardines, also by three goals — 3-0.

It would be silly to pretend that now we are as good as the West Germans or Santos and already better than we did belong.

But it must be immensely reassuring that our results don't pale in comparison.

No, we are not the 12th best team in the world yet — although we must have finally jettied away from the global tail-enders like Canada, USA, etc. where for decades we did belong.

- Greece v. West Germany 1-3
- Greece v. Switzerland 0-1
- Haifa XI v. Borussia Monchengladbach 0-0
- Tel Aviv XI v. Borussia Monchengladbach 0-2
- Israel v. Borussia Monchengladbach 0-1
- Hong Kong v. Santos 1-4
- Hong Kong v. Santos 2-5
- Hong Kong v. Santos 0-4
- Hong Kong v. Santos 1-4

MINUTE-QUIZ

1. Only one Yugoslav club ever reached the final of the European Champions' Cup: (a) Partizan Belgrade, (b) Red Star Belgrade, (c) Dinamo Zagreb?
2. Australia's beaten opponent in the final of the 1967 Saigon Tournament was: (a) South Vietnam, (b) Japan, (c) South Korea?
3. John Watkiss scored five goals in the Sydney Grand Final of: (a) 1954, (b) 1963, (c) 1967?
4. Prague have won more Sydney Ampol Cups than any other team. How many times have they won the pre-season series: (a) five, (b) four, (c) six?
5. The only all-Victorian Australia Cup was in: (a) 1966, (b) 1963, (c) 1962?
6. The top goalscorer of the 1968 Olympic soccer tournament was: (a) Jekov, (b) Bene, (c) Kamamoto?
7. JUST, of Melbourne, won a national competition in 1960: (a) Australia Cup, (b) Henry Seamonds Cup, (c) National Ampol Cup?
8. NSW won the 1962 Australian interstate championship. The runners-up were: (a) Victoria, (b) Queensland, (c) South Australia?

(Solutions on page 8.)

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PRAGUE CAME CLOSE TO CAUSING MAJOR SHOCK

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Two late goals robbed Prague of a shock draw against VSS Kosice at Marks Field last Saturday night in the match held over from last Wednesday week.

Just when the Sydney-siders looked set for a prestige result after a hard-fought match, Juraj Kiss, in the 83rd minute, scored a brilliant goal with an angled 18-yard drive.

The excitement had barely simmered down when the Slovaks struck again.



DAVID ZEMAN

Tricky left-winger Jaroslav Boros, accepting a cross from Pollak, calmly beat three defenders before pushing the ball past the prostrate Gary King in a grand solo effort.

The visitors until that stage had set up few scor-

ing chances and were visibly tired as they had played in New Zealand only 24 hours earlier.

Prague's defence, with David Zeman and newcomer David Weir prominent, had Kosice's measure right up to the fatal last seven minutes.

Gary King, in goal, was also in excellent form, while at the other end the giant Kosice goalie, Svajlen, too, was kept busy.

Only Gary Manuel knows how he could have missed an absolute "sitter" in the 13th minute when all he had to do was to tap the ball into the unguarded net from five yards from a rebound off Svajlen's foot.

A few minutes later, young Sasha Perry forced the Kosice goalie to dive full-length to save a scorching low shot, and in the 55th minute a screaming 20-yard free-kick by Geoff Harcombe had Svajlen scrambling for a corner.

Although Kosice's lead-up work was polished and elegant, their forwards didn't have all that many real scoring chances, and for most of the game they had to try their luck with speculative long shots.

King, Zeman, Harcombe, Weir and Rooney were



GARY MANUEL

Prague's best players while Hohlko, Kiss, Boros, Pollak and Bomba impressed most for the travel-weary Slovaks.

Prague: King, Harcombe, Weir, Pedersen, Zeman, Rootsey, Armytage (Too-

ma), Blanco, Manuel, Rooney, Perry (Pollard).

Kosice: Svajlen, Pivarnik (Kralka), Bomba, Desiatnik, Jutka, Stafura, Hohlko, Strauss (Halas), Pollak, Kiss, Boros.

Scorers: Kiss 83 min., Boros 85 min.

Referee: K. Lockrey.
Crowd: 3,000.

Slovaks outwalk Hellenic

Take a dead tired team, put it against an unfit one; deprive the match of any serious incentive and, for good measure, provide a humid, sticky afternoon.

The result — a "spectacle" like the Kosice v. Pan Hellenic clash.

Actually, for the first 35 minutes or so, Pan Hellenic were very much in the game and had guest player George Yardley been more accurate, they could have scored at least three goals.

At this stage Kosice were hustled off the ball and prevented from unfolding their extremely slow, but fairly precise game.

After the interval the picture changed dramatically.

Pan Hellenic or, more accurately, about eight of their players, died on their feet and even the slightest movement appeared to cause them physical anguish.

Kosice promptly took over without stepping up the tempo — and from then on it was only a matter of time before the goals came.

To be frank, Kosice's first and third goal were gifts: Pollak's 25-yard drive whizzed into the net just over the hands of Maglis and Strauss' last goal looked to be the result of a blatant offside situation.

From Pan Hellenic it would have been foolish to expect more; this was their first real test of the season.

But Kosice, notwithstanding their crowded schedule, were a disappointment.

To some extent, their tour itinerary can be blamed for their listless display.

But even this doesn't fully excuse some of their highly-rated players for not turning on at least a few bursts.

In Pan Hellenic Smith, Harding, Xipolitas and McCulloch caught the eye.

For Kosice Bomba, Pollak, Hohlko and Strauss were the best.

VSS Kosice: Svajlen-Kralka, Bomba (Dojcek), Desiatnik, Jutka (Halas), Stafura, Hohlko, Kiss, Pollak, Danko (Strausz), Boros.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke (Maglis), Henson, Hignett, Barboudis, H. Xipolitas, Wetten, Smith, Harding, McCulloch, Yardley, Culledon.

Scorers: Yardley 19 min., Pollak 59 min., Strauss 79 and 90 min.

Referee: F. Sbisa.
Crowd: 5,500.

— PAUL DEAN

READERS' LETTERS

CZECH—MATE

I have been asked by the Committee of the Association of Australian Slovaks

to extend to you our sincere thanks for the correct reporting of the nationality of the Slovakian soccer team, VSS Kosice.

I gave a copy of your paper to the team on its arrival at Sydney's International Airport, and I can assure you that its members were genuinely pleased to note that their correct nationality had been printed therein.

It is a pity that the same courtesy was not extended to them by the other newspapers, all of which unfortunately referred to them as "Czechs".

Thank you once again for your careful and accurate reporting.

Jan Secansky,
Press Secretary,
Association of
Australian Slovaks

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THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Marrickville v. Western Suburbs — Marks Field, 7.30 p.m.
St. George v. Prague — Marks Field, 8.55 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

South Coast v. APIA — Woonona Oval, 8 p.m.
Hakoah v. Auburn — Marks Field, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

South Sydney v. Marconi — Wentworth Park, 2.15 p.m.
Ryde v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Park, 3.40 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

AMPOL CUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Auburn v. Ryde — Marks Field, 7.30 p.m.
Prague v. Marconi — Marks Field, 8.55 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

South Coast v. St. George-Budapest — Woonona, 8 p.m.
Western Suburbs v. Pan Hellenic — Garside Park, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Hakoah v. Marrickville — Wentworth Park, 2.15 p.m.
APIA v. South Sydney — Wentworth Park, 3.40 p.m.

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LAST MONDAY

Saints too good for Toyo Kogyo

Despite the absence of key players John Warren and Allan Ainslie, St. George-Budapest started the season on a high note with a convincing 3-0 victory against Toyo Kogyo, of Japan, last Monday night.

Toyo Kogyo, the current Japanese champions, had no answer for Saints' blistering tempo, teamwork and individual skill.

Despite the scoreline, the Japanese impressed as polished players, with above average technique, but their game was, at times, too stereotyped.

Perhaps, the fact that they were playing out of season, in humid, sultry conditions explains why they could not hold their opponents, especially in the midfield, where Saints' gained the upper hand early in the match, never to relinquish it.

With this display against Japan's best club side, which includes five internationals, St. George-Budapest have justified their invitation to Japan in March.

All three St. George goals were well taken.

Denton scored the first in the 29th minute with a typical opportunist effort when he was right on the spot to nudge home a header off a shot by Adrian Alston at the conclusion of a mazy 60-yard solo run

which spreadeagled the Japanese defence.

Ottie Abonyi made it 2-0 in the 64th minute with a magnificent header from a well-executed Denton corner, and in the 78th minute it was Alston's turn to score with a low shot from 10 yards after a Japanese defender had cleared the ball off his line.

Playing an attacking, overlapping fullback's game brilliantly, Harry Williams was the pick of the St. George team where Manfred Schaefer, George Campbell, Abonyi, Alston and Denton also excelled.

Drago Utjesenovic, Saints' new fullback from Victoria, had a quiet debut, but showed skilful footwork.

Toyo Kogyo were best served by Ogi, Matsumoto and Koraki.

St. George-Budapest: Fraser (Taylor), Sandell, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Williams, Harris, Campbell, Zivkovic (Anderson), Abonyi, Alston, Denton.

Toyo Kogyo: Funamoto, Tanimura, Kotaki, Ogi, Kawano (Onsen), Niumura, Oohno (Kuhara), H. Yoshida, Tanimoto, Kuwahara, Matsumoto.

Scorers: Denton 29 min., Abonyi 64 min., Alston 78 min.

Referee: P. Rampley.
Crowd: 4,000.

— LOU GAUTIER

WILSON STARRED

(Continued from page 2.)

In New Caledonia, Horg Kong and in Iran his wing-play and backing up to help in defence were outstanding, but against tougher opposition he failed to realise that individual ability is not enough.

For that reason Basic stuck to the Blues-Alston-Denton combination in attack in the second half of the tour, much to Billy's chagrin.

Mike Denton

The St. George striker justified his selection ten-fold and was one of the big successes of the tour.

Apart from scoring the most goals, he fought for every ball and created openings galore.

It was a different Denton from the one Sydney fans know: he covered miles of ground, dropping back to help in defence, then scoring at the other end in the next minute.

Adrian Alston

It took "Noddy" some time to learn that he had to be active off the ball as well and go back to gain possession, but when he did — very early on the tour — he proved to be the ideal striker.

He is a first class prospect for the next few years and the type of striker Australia needs more of.

He was one of the few Australians capable of beating an opponent in a man to man duel before going on to score.

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ERRATUM

We erred in our Ampol Cup honor roll on page 6. The 1964 runners-up to Prague were APIA, not Auburn.

SAINTS TO PLAY EXTRA GAMES ON ASIAN TOUR

— By PAUL DEAN —

It is probable that St. George-Budapest's Asian tour in March will be slightly expanded.

On top of their five matches in Japan, the Saints are likely to play two or three more games.

The first of these may be staged in Hong Kong, against Jardines, on March 1.

Two days later St. George plan to play in Macao.

The team will arrive in Japan on March 4 and play their first match on March 7 — against the Japanese national team, in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium.

The other Japanese match dates are March 10, 14, 18 and 21, three of these in Tokyo and one in Hiroshima.

Their opponents will be Japan "B", Toyo Kogyo, FC



JIM FRASER
(St. George and Australia)

Hitachi and the Danish club Frem.

The Japanese Association is giving the Saints a real VIP treatment.

On March 5 a large-scale press reception will be held in Tokyo for St. George and Frem.

The Sydney team will be accommodated at the elegant Akasaka Prince Hotel in Tokyo.

There is a chance that St. George will break their Japanese sojourn briefly to play one match in Seoul, South Korea, on March 16.

The team will head back home on March 22 and arrive in Sydney the next day.

Coach Zvonimir Rasic originally wanted to take 16 players on the tour.

However, Ainslie's inexplicable disappearance may have changed his plans somewhat and could sit the tour out.

At present, these are the certain tourists: Fraser, Sandell, Williams, Schaefer, Bird, Harris, Campbell, Warren, Abonyi, Alston, Denton, Ujjesenovic — 12 in all.

Another goalkeeper is certain to go while the other two spots may be filled by Anderson and the newly signed Irish player Herron or Morgan.

President Les Bordaas, another official and Rasic will complete the official party.

New faces in NSW team for Dynamo

The NSW squad, selected this week by State coach Les Scheinflug, will train twice a week as from next Monday.

The players will have a technical and tactical conference every Monday and a solid work-out every Thursday until the first match against Dynamo Moscow, on Sunday, February 28.

NSW's second match against the Soviet team is on Sunday, March 7, also at the Sydney Sportsground. Bill Vrolyks has been appointed assistant-State coach and Karl Rodny makes his return in an official capacity as team-manager.

The absence of St. George-Budapest players, who will be touring Japan with their club, has weakened the NSW team and made the selectors' task considerably more difficult.

Scheinflug had to find replacements for Warren, Schaefer, Williams, Alston and Denton, all of whom would have been certain for inclusion in the squad while all but perhaps Williams would have been automatic selections in the actual team against Dynamo.

The selections of Ryde stalwarts Cajsusic and Rudic is logical as both are the very tops in their respective positions.



LARRY ARMYTAGE

Scheinflug was also justified in giving a chance to Western Suburbs' youthful pair of Ross Kelly, who played for Australia against Japan in 1968 when only 19, and Peter Pont, a very promising winger.

Scheinflug gave another chance to Prague's Gary Manuel and Larry Armytage, but this will certainly be their last opportunity to come good in representative football.

The squad is:
Goalkeepers: Kelly (Western Suburbs), Cajsusic (Ryde).

Defenders: Roche (Marconi), Fekete (Hakoah), Watkiss (Hakoah), Tolson (South Coast), Curran (Marconi), Yaeger (Hakoah).

Stoppers: Wilson (South Coast), Marnoch (Hakoah), Rudic (Ryde).

Midfielders: Richards (Marconi), McKinnon (APIA), Rooney (Prague), Schneider (Auburn).

Forwards: Alagich (Ryde), Blues (APIA), Pont (Western Suburbs), Baartz (Hakoah), Manuel (Prague), F. Cush (South Sydney), Armytage (Prague).

— LOU GAUTIER



Japanese winger WATANABE, one of Saints' opponents on tour.

However, several other officials and club supporters will also accompany the team — at their own expense.

POSTPONEMENT

As the competition proper in Sydney starts on March 21, St. George will request that their first match, an away tie against Ryde, be postponed. They will offer to change the draw with Ryde in order not to inconvenience them with the gate takings.

Since the NSW Federation gave St. George permission to tour until March 21, it is reasonable to assume that they will also agree to the postponement of their first round match.

IS SPORT A POLITICAL FOOTBALL?

— By The Editor —

Sydney, it seems, is on the verge of a new era in the world of sport.

For a start, this city of ours will receive numerous stadiums, indoor halls, playing fields and other goodies.

We will also apply for the Olympic Games and there is a chance that, at long last, football pools will be introduced.

A sporting Mecca, you may say, thanks to the farsighted, unselfish, progressive political leadership of this State.

Or — is it just a dream?

In the course of their electioneering, both the incumbent Liberal and the Labour Party announced their intention of setting up a Ministry of Sport.

Both were extremely vague about the idea, and one must suspect that neither Mr. Askin nor Mr. Hills really gave the matter much previous thought.

The fact is that in the past both political parties showed deep apathy towards the needs of Sydney's sporting public.

Over the years, almost innumerable "blue-prints" were bandied about, all aimed at giving Sydney a modern sporting complex.

However, not a spade has been turned and, by and large, Sydney has not received any new major sporting establishment for decades.

We know all this should be changed — but we are not sure if it will be changed.

A properly constituted and organised Ministry of Sport could be of great value to NSW.

Both France and Britain have benefited enormously from such an active government agency, not to mention the Eastern European countries.

A supreme sporting authority could take stock of the State's sporting situation and budget accordingly to aid sport as well as plan new establishments and facilities.

Frankly, we can't quite believe that either party is genuinely interested enough to do just that.

To set up a ministry, willy-nilly, would serve no purpose at all; in Britain this was preceded by a lengthy study carried out by a specially appointed commission of sporting administrators.

The only way Sydney could benefit from such a ministry would be if it was ready and prepared to help ALL sports, from the kingpin Rugby League down to the badly neglected "minor sports."

Mind you, a ministry is not absolutely essential; the Germans, Italians, Americans, Japanese and many others have done rather well without one.

But in these countries the supreme authority takes a different form: Olympic Associations, All-Sports Federations or such.

Sport in Australia has never been co-ordinated; all associations operate on their own, independently and usually amateurishly.

It is debatable whether these associations would be prepared to surrender some of their autonomy in order to belong to a larger and broader federation.

All these questions will have to be examined and evaluated before any Ministry of Sport is established.

I am sure that soccer as such would be happy to accept the responsibilities and obligations a Ministry would impose on our operations — but only if we also received the same benefits and privileges that in the past went almost exclusively to other sports.

FEW TOURISTS

The squad includes six members only of last year's Australian touring party: Roche, Curran, who has just signed for Marconi, Yaeger, Wilson, Richards and Blues.

Apart from the St. George players, who could not be considered, David Keddle and John Doyle have also been overlooked.

The postponement of two of last week's Ampol Cup matches because of rain added to Scheinflug's problems because he wasn't able to supervise every squad member.

Thus a question mark must hang on players like Alagich, Schneider and Frank Cush who had to be selected on last year's form.

HELP LEGACY
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Croatians almost called it a day!

— By LOU GAUTIER —

It can now be revealed that South Sydney came close to folding up and pulling out of soccer altogether.

One of the best-kept secrets of the off-season was the extraordinary meeting of Croatian Club members at their new premises at the former West Side Theatre, Marrickville, last Sunday week.

The meeting was called to decide, on a majority vote basis, whether the club would withdraw its support from the soccer team, following the rejection by the new NSW Federation Executive to restore the Croatian tag to the team.

There was a strong move among some members that the booming social club should withdraw its support altogether as a mark of protest.

Without the backing of the social club it would have been impossible for the soccer team to carry on a semi-professional basis, and it would have meant



Souths' skipper
NIGEL SHEPHERD

curtains for South Sydney, at least in big-time soccer.

For weeks there was an air of uncertainty about the team's future as opponents and pro-

ponents of winding up were believed to be evenly numbered.

Last Sunday week's meeting, however, resulted in a fairly comfortable victory for the moderate section of the club and it was decided to carry on.

The club, however, will keep trying to get its original name back.

The club's first move was to attend to players' contracts; these were renegotiated and satisfactory arrangements have now been reached with all the players who are still available.

Souths are looking for big things by their large new British contingent, and now that their future is safe officials and supporters are confident of doing at least as well as last season.

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AMPOL CUP 1971

HAKOAH v. AUBURN 5-0

APIA v. SCU 2-0

OLE! SAMBA IS HERE

SINGING THE BLUES

The small crowd of 1,654 spectators at Wentworth Park last Monday were treated to a Brazilian samba when Hakoah's three Cariocas stole the honors against Auburn.

Although the halftime score was tied at 0-0, there was plenty to suggest in the first 35 minutes that a goal orgy was imminent.

The scoreline at the interval was hardly indicative of what had gone on in the first period.

Hakoah should, at least, have been three goals up.

Dennis Yaeger, who played a forceful attacking half's game, hit the crossbar in the sixth minute, and off the rebound Lucio Lopes, the Brazilian inside-forward, hit the woodwork on precisely the same spot.

Three minutes later, the same player again hit the bar with Auburn's young goalkeeper, Jim Williamson, hopelessly beaten.

Just before halftime it was Ray Baartz' turn to just miss the charmed Auburn goal by inches when a tremendous drive grazed the left upright.

After the interval the Brazilian trio of Lopes, Agenor Muniz and Adalberto Silva took over and proceeded to demolish a feeble, weak-kneed Auburn, who were a far cry from the team which performed so creditably last season.

After young Jim Izatt, who was deputising for Dave Keddie, sidelined with a ruptured blood vessel in the thigh, had opened the score, from a pass by Lopes, the Brazilians ran riot and scored four more goals in the space of 16 minutes.

IMPRESSIVE

Although the second of these, Muniz in the 51st minute, appeared to be well off-side, they were well-taken goals, all the result of clever inter-passing featuring other Brazilians or Ray Baartz, whose scoring prowess, for once, was overshadowed.

All three Brazilians not only impressed as fine ball players, but, more important, as solid, stout-hearted forwards who won't be hustled off the ball easily, as was the case with most of the Argentinians, seen in Sydney in recent years.

Endowed with good shots into the bargain, these Latins will undoubtedly be a tremendous asset to the lucky Hakoah.

Of the other Hakoah players, there is little to report.

Their defenders never had to raise a sweat against a non-existent Auburn forward-line, dreadfully short on talent.

Hakoah: Haffey 3 (Fuzes 3), Fekete 4, Hillsdon 3,

Watkins 3, Marnoch 4, Yaeger 4, Muniz 5, Lopes 5, Izatt 3, Baartz 4, Silva 28.

Auburn: Williamson 3, Hawkins 2, Hoggart 3 (Stanforth 2), Craggs 3, Strachan 3, De Santi 2, Judge 2 (Edwards), Mc-

Donald 2, Froud 3, Lambert 2, Schneider 3. Total: 28.

Scorers: Izatt 42 min., Muniz 45 and 51 mins., Lopes 57 min., Silva 61 min.

Referee: F. Sbis. Crowd: 1,654.

— LOU GAUTIER

An excellent match for this time of the year, which was won by clearly the better team.

Early in the first half it became apparent that South Coast's defence would have to do everything right to contain the nippy APIA forwards.

Straight from the kick-off they let loose with shots which had goalie Ramage scrambling around his goal area.

Once again the driving force in the APIA attack was George Blues always a crowd-pleaser at Woonona.

South Coast took a long time to settle down, even if they did hold APIA in the first half.

The locals never gained control of the midfield and badly missed the steady influence of the injured Dunlop and Cuthbert.

As far as South Coast were concerned the most pleasing aspect of the

match was the top-class performance by young full-back Gary Tuckerman, who may well hold on to a first team berth.

Newcomers McGuckin and Gruicic didn't set the world on fire, but showed enough to indicate they may be useful acquisitions once they settle down.

Max Tolson, although he was one of United's busiest forwards, always on the look-out for openings, again seems to be wasted in attack.

Against the fast-moving, incisive APIA, he certainly would have been more useful in the midfield role which suits him best.

APIA played a fast, direct brand of football and were surprisingly fit — a tribute to coach Walter Tamandl for getting them in such premature tip-top condition.

In Marradassan, the cup holders appear to have a match-winner as this orthodox left winger was one of the stars of the match and only just slightly overshadowed by the irresistible George Blues.

South Coast: Ramage 3, Gleeson 2, Tuckerman 5, Galbraith 4, Wilson 4, Walker 4, McAvoy 3, Gruicic 3, McGuckin 3, Tolson 4, McGunigle 3. Total: 38.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 3, Ackertley 4, McGillivray 4, Sambrook 3, Russell 4, Ridley 3 (Montgomery 3), Blues 5, McKinnon 4, Smith 3, Marradassan 5. Total: 42.

Scorers: Montgomery 42 min., Blues 70 min. Referee: W. Novelli. Crowd: 2,350.

—PETER SCHUMACHER

WESTS v. MARRICKVILLE 3-0

WIN IN A FOXTROT

Western Suburbs did not disappoint those who expected them to start in First Division with a bang.

They were anything but jittery in their debut and, in actual fact, it was Marrickville Olympic who looked like novices.

Crack Victorian newcomers Kinnell and Spiekerman played the major part in Wests' effortless win.

Kinnell impressed as one of the most polished defenders seen in Sydney since Erwin Ninaus and Spiekerman was quick to justify his reputation as an ace sharpshooter.

Western Suburbs were never extended and could easily have scored at least three more goals had Spiekerman and Turner, another impressive new capture, enjoyed better luck.

Olympic had little to recommend them as they were hopelessly under-strength.

They made elementary errors in all departments, and even their fighting spirit couldn't help them.

While Wests have every reason to feel confident about their prospects this season because they have more than their share of talent in their ranks, the future will look pretty grim for their opponents unless they can reinforce themselves drastically.

Marrickville didn't have one real shot at goal during the 70 minutes and Wests' keeper Ross Kelly was the most frustrated player on the field.

Although he wasn't given a chance to show his class, he will probably console himself with his selection in the NSW squad for the Dynamo Moscow matches.

Western Suburbs: Kelly 4, van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 4, Johnston 3, Kinnell 5, Blue 4, Pont 3, Guildea 3, Turner 4, Spiekerman 5, Byles. Total: 42.

Marrickville Olympic: Stern 3, Raeburn 3, Harris 3, Fisher 3, Xipolitis 3, Romanos 3, Thompson 3,

Whitehead 4, Hardy 3, Bamforth 3, Lowry 3. Total: 34.

Scorers: Spiekerman 19 and 67 mins., Turner 60

Referee: N. Campbell. Crowd: 3,050 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

ST. GEORGE v. PRAGUE 2-1

ONE MEEK CSARDAS

Lady Luck bestowed her favors on St. George-Budapest in a disappointing match last Wednesday week.

Prague held the favorites at bay, especially in the first half when they were clearly the better team.

Creating more scoring chances, only a combination of bad luck and poor finishing robbed Prague of the victory they deserved.

Manuel, although he played much better than against VSS Kosice, Perry and Tooma were the main offenders in this department. Perry twice missing "certain" goals and Tooma "bombed" a five-yard sitter almost on fulltime.

Unless they acquire a recognised goalgetter to capitalise on the abundant supply of precision passes which flow off the boot of Jim Rooney, who is now showing the form that made him one of Victoria's brightest stars in 1968 and 1969, this failing is again likely to worry them throughout the coming season.

Kogyo, of Japan, 48 hours earlier.

The St. George-Budapest defence had some alarming gaps and they certainly would have lost against more accurate opponents on their display last Wednesday week.

Prague's old malady of missing the simplest of chances cost them yet another victory.

St. George - Budapest: Fraser 3, Sandell 3, Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 4, Williams 3, Harris 3, Campbell 3, Anderson 2, Abonyi 4, Alston 5, Denton 4. Total: 37.

Prague: King 3, Harcombe 3, Weir 3, Pedersen 3, Zeman 4, Rootsey 3, Armytage 4, Blanco 3, G. Manuel 4, Rooney 5, Perry 2. Total: 37.

Scorers: Campbell 11 min., Alston 64 min., Armytage 48 min. Referee: K. Lockrey. Crowd: 3,050 (double-header).

— FRANK JORDAN



ADRIAN ALSTON

Saints gave the impression they were cruising at half speed, and even at 1-1 did not seem to hurry.

It was only towards the end that they produced some of the football they had shown against Toyo

AMPOL POINTS

WIN = 12 points

DRAW = 5 points

LOSS = NO points

GOAL = 1 point

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"						GROUP "B"					
	W	D	L	F	P		W	D	L	F	P
Hakoah	1	—	—	5	17	APIA	1	—	—	2	14
Wests	1	—	—	3	15	St. George	1	—	—	2	14
Marrickville	—	—	—	1	3	Prague	—	—	—	1	2
Auburn	—	—	—	1	3	SCU	—	—	—	1	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	—	—	—	Marconi	—	—	—	—	—
Ryde	—	—	—	—	—	St. Sydney	—	—	—	—	—

AMPOL RESULTS

GROUP "A"

	Auburn	Hakoah	Marrickville	Pan Hellenic	Ryde	Wests
Auburn	●					
Hakoah	5-0	●				
Marrickville			●			
Pan Hellenic				●		
Ryde					●	
Wests						●

GROUP "B"

	APIA	Marconi	Prague	St. George	South Coast	South Sydney
APIA	●					
Marconi		●				
Prague			●			
St. George				●		
South Coast					●	
South Sydney						●

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ROSEBERY RHODES MAY BECOME A COLOSSUS

Rosebery Rhodes, newly-promoted to the Inter Suburban First Division, gained the capture of the year for amateur football by signing on leading coach Bill Vrolyks for the 1971 season.

Vrolyks, former star player with Sydney Austral and Leichhardt, has been in the top bracket of NSW coaches ever since his playing days.

He has been secretary and president of the NSW Coaches Federation, and has been coach of Pan Hellenic and South Sydney. In addition he has been closely associated with the coaching academy development at Parklea, and with the NSW youth team, at the national youth championship as well as the State team.

Vrolyks was also appointed assistant-coach of NSW last week.

Rosebery secretary Jim Hatzidionios said that the signing of Vrolyks was another step forward in the plan to take the club into higher football.

"We say that Rosebery is a died-in-the-wool South Sydney club.

"Our background was originally Greek, but we are an Australian club with an Australian outlook and multi-national teams.

"We will field under-12 and 10 junior teams in 1972 we will have competition under-14 and 8 teams as well."

COUNCIL BACKING

Possessing a real community club, Rosebery Rhodes have earned the wholehearted support of the South Sydney Municipal Council.

Council has spent \$5,000 on new facilities at Turruwul Park.

Two huge floodlit stands have been erected for training matches.

A new change room has been built to give referees separate accommodation.

The dressing room will be partitioned to give visitors and home teams separate quarters.

Council will also erect a new kiosk.

Trial games have been arranged against Prague and South Sydney Federation clubs, and West Sutherland.

Training commences on February 16, and players have been building up by running two nights a week on Maroubra Beach.

Jim Hatzidionios expects that South Sydney Association will co-operate by playing the club's juniors in early matches to the seniors.

Bill Connolly is the official in charge of development of the junior club.

GOING AHEAD

Rosebery Rhodes opened its activities in 1968 in the South Sydney Association.

The club gained second place in the Inter Suburban Fourth Division the following year.

In 1970 Rosebery won the premiership and championship of the Third Division.

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

With promotion of the Federation Third Division Rosebery become an Inter-Suburban First Division club.

But the club's progress doesn't end there.

Later this year or in 1972 they will take over Perry Park, which is to be vacated by the NSW Potato Board.

South Sydney Council will enclose the ground in conjunction with the club, who will gain a first-class field.

Rosebery club's Board of Directors is currently negotiating purchase of suitable premises for the club.

At last year's Presentation Night each player received a track suit, wristlet watch, and a suitable trophy to commemorate their Third Division win.

Looks like 1971 will be the year in which Rhodes goes further ahead in its aim to develop into a colossus of the South Sydney district.

Corinthians set for a revival

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Gladesville-Ryde-Corinthians Soccer Club, whose fortunes have fluctuated erratically over the past few years, are set for a gigantic revival which may see the side back in First Division within the next couple of years.

The club's shaky financial set-up which followed relegation to Second Division in 1966 will be no more as they have now been officially taken over by the powerful British Ex-Servicemen's Club, which is prepared to finance and back soccer to the hilt.

In the new arrangement, Corinthians will be part and parcel of the social club, which has already indicated it has no desire to back a lame horse in Second Division, but wants a strong First Division side and is prepared to do everything possible to achieve this status within the immediate future.

Last year's coach Bill Murphy has resigned, and contrary to other reports the club has now appointed Graham Barnett as player-coach.

The club has retained most of last year's players, including Russell Haggart, Neil Townsend, Matt Collins, Alex Smith, Michael Cairns, Crawford Potter, Cooper and Johnson, and through the negotiations of club president, Cyril Entwistle, who was in England last year, the club is likely to sign three English players for the 1971 season.

Following the resignation of Jim Cooper, the club has appointed Tom Webster as its secretary.

The club has tendered to play its home matches at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 this season, but if this move fails it would still be able to use Jubilee Oval.

Hopes of a revival has inspired action all-round, and the club has taken the initiative to arrange a rousing welcome for the touring FA team at the British Ex-Servicemen's Club on Friday, June 11.

Youthful Manly

The departure of coach Brian McDonald to England for a holiday has slowed down Manly's preparations for the new season and the side only started to "loosen up" last week.

McDonald, who had considerable success with Manly last year, was due back at the weekend and serious training was to start immediately after.

Manly's hopes for 1971 hinge on retaining last season's players and the promising talent of some of last year's second graders such as Philip Russell, Richard Bloomfield, Douglas Wood and under-18 representative Neil Bouden.

SPECULATION

The fact that former South Coast United forward Gordon Armstrong is now living in the Warringah district has given rise to speculation that he may join the club, and although he would be most welcome at Manly the club has no intention of paying the transfer fee which no doubt South Coast would ask for his services.

Jimmy Hughes, the free-scoring forward who helped Manly win promotion in 1967, will be back in the side, but Manly may lose stout defender Greg Jones, who is in his final year of studies for his Engineering degree.

David Jack, the young and promising winger who went to trial with Manchester United in England last year, will make a decision in about three weeks if he is to return to Sydney or stay in England for a longer period.

Brian Stocks, the utility player, is still in England on a holiday, but is expected to return before the season starts.

Although it is too early to assess Manly's strength at this juncture, it is certain that the district's talent will be fully encouraged and exploited and any new faces in the team will be from younger players "blooded" last season for experience.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The Victorian Ampol Cup strides into the fourth round this Friday night at Olympic Park and a win for Polonia and South Melbourne-Hellas will almost assure them both of a berth in the semifinals.

The fixtures are: Polonia v. Wilhelmina and Hakoah v. SM Hellas.

Inter-club transfer activity has reached an all-time low this year among the State League clubs. And for a very good reason — shortage of cash. However, some player-exchange deals are likely to go through in Victoria and one which could be in the offing could see ace defender Alistair Scott move to George Cross with John Gardiner the Cross inside-forward going to Melbourne-HSC.

Peter Craig, a former Hearts of Midlothian centre-forward who has been a player and coach with Box Hill for the past eight years, has moved to Metropolitan League side Waverley.

Mick Mandalis, still only 23 and not so long back one of the most promising youngsters in State League soccer and who is back in business with a bang, seems to have regained his old confidence after two leg breaks. So far he has shown up well for South Melbourne Hellas.

Ian Livingstone, the former Slavia captain and coach who moved to Prahran last year, has been offered the coaching position with Maribynong-Triestina.

Sandy Henderson, the goalkeeper who served Hakoah so well for the past three years and who was unlucky in not gaining representative honors for Victoria, is now coach of the Metropolitan glamor side, Sunshine City. Hakoah looked to have picked up a capture to succeed Henderson in Denis Boland, a young Scot who strangely enough played for Brechin City in the Scottish Second Division — a former club of Henderson's.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that Steve Walker, the South Melbourne-Hellas centre-half who cost them a packet from Lions just over a year ago, is contemplating a move to South Africa. A leading Hellas official has however, denied there is any substance to the story.

John Pryde, an inside-forward who played with Airdrie in Scotland and had a spell in South African professional soccer before joining Juventus 18 months, and who transferred to George Cross early last season for a tidy fee, is up for transfer by the Maltese club.

Marshall McCallum, the Slavia inside-forward, is having his name linked with a move to Wilhelmina.

Dennis Compton, the former England Test cricketer and former Arsenal and England soccer star recently paid a flying visit to Olympic Park to watch part of the Ampol Cup matches and was digging for information on many of the aspects of the game here. It is believed that Compton, who is a lead sports writer for one of Britain's biggest dailies will, on his return, feature an article on Australian soccer.

David Williamson, a fullback who has been with Croatia for the past three years, is after a move and Croatia are prepared to let him go for a nominal fee. Williamson has played many first team games for Croatia since joining them from Aberdeen Mugiemoss.

— JIM COOK

Crisp shots

Peter Jaksa, Charlie Welker, George McMillan or Mario Danielli, will be appointed shortly to succeed Edmund Krefl as SA coach.

At press time the four candidates had been interviewed by the chairman of the Board, Peter Nikolich, who will make his recommendation later this week. Welker and McMillan may have an advantage because they are currently unattached as club coaches.

McMillan guided Juventus to the 1970 championship and the Federation Cup and Welker had a successful season with Burnside-Budapest last year.

Danielli has a string of successes to recommend him, but unofficial favorite for the position is USC Lion coach, Peter Jaksa.

The first task facing the new State coach will be to select and prepare a squad for the game against Moscow Dynamo which has now been switched to Wednesday February 24.

The SA Board has sent a letter of congratulations to Ray Taylor (SA Ampol manager) on his appointment as SA Agent General in London.

The current wrangle over Terry Wetton is causing heartburn in Adelaide and Sydney. Campbelltown-Azzurri feel that Wetton, who won the 1970 West End Medal, is worth more than Pan Hellenic's offer of \$2,000. Meanwhile Wetton has decided to remain in Sydney and has lodged an appeal to the SA Federation.

USC Lion, Juventus and WA-Hellas have emerged from the opening rounds as the only unbeaten sides and now share favoritism for the 1971 Ampol Cup. In the main the big three are depending on tried and true performers, but each has uncovered some promising new talent. The newcomers are, Bill Dakki and Peter Travar (USC Lion), Neil McGachey and Kerry Stamos (WA Hellas) and Adrian Kieboom (Juventus). Travar joined Lion from Beograd and Kieboom was signed by Juventus from Orange-Sturt.

SA Ampol Cup Scorecard: USC Lion 2 (Travar, Dakki) d. Elizabeth City 0, WA Hellas 4 (Birch 3, De Lyster) d. Campbelltown-Azzurri 1 (Preston), Victoria 6 (D. Marwe 2, Felton, McKenzie, Caughy, Matissek, penalty) d. Budapest 2 (Bakurski 2 (1 penalty), Juventus 3 (White 2, Cichinski 1 o.g.) d. Polonia 0.

This week's program: Monday, February 8 — Polonia v. Budapest, USC Lion v. WA Hellas, Friday, February 12 — Azzurri v. Victoria, Juventus v. Elizabeth City.

— ALLAN CRISP

Japanese win 5-3 against Victoria

Japan's Toyo Kogyo downed a Victorian State League XI 5-3 at Olympic Park last Friday night before a disappointing crowd numbering less than 3,000.

And the Toyo Kogyo victory was all the more remarkable when one takes into account the tourists were down 3-1 after 32 minutes of play.

Victoria had plenty of failures and few successes in their line-up, while the needle-sharp Toyo Kogyo overcame their deficiency of lack of height in defence by playing purposeful and attacking soccer throughout.

They grabbed every available scoring chance which was in direct contrast to

at least five atrocious misses by the Victorian forwards. And in Aritatsu Ogi, at centre-forward, they had the star of the match.

The scorers were: Yoshida (2), Ogi, Ohno, Tanimura for Toyo Kogyo; Kokinos (2) and Rogers for Victoria.

Last Sunday Toyo Kogyo were held to a 2-2 draw by Juventus-Melbourne, only equalling in the last minute through Ogi.

Frost and Dockerty scored for the Victorian champions and Kumahara Toyo Kogyo's first goal.

AMPOL CUP 1971

APIA v. SOUTH SYDNEY 5-1

BLUES IN SUPER-FORM

APIA served notice they will not part easily with the Ampol Cup they won last year.

The way in which they demolished the hapless Souths had repeat stamped all over it.

In our book, they will again be the team to beat in this year's series.

George Blues was APIA's hero, and by far the best of the 50 players seen in action at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

The Australian international winger, playing at inside-right last week, scored a magnificent goal with a flying header and had a "hand" in three others.

He was a non-participant only in APIA's third goal — a huge blunder by Ron Corry who allowed an innocuous 20-yard lob by Derek Montgomery to sail over his head while he stood petrified on his line.

Blues and, to a lesser extent Franco Mandrussan, tore gaps in the shaky South Sydney defence whenever they were in possession.

This talented duo brought the APIA fans to their feet each time they streaked away with the ball and thanks to their passes and

crosses, burly Stan Forster received excellent service throughout and helped himself to two goals.

Fitter and faster than last year, Forster should be among the goals this year as he has all the attributes of an ace marksman, and is never afraid to take pot luck at goal.

With APIA in control straight from the kick-off, Souths were forced to back-pedal for the whole match.

As could be expected from a team which started serious training later than most clubs, their players lacked cohesion and there was a gaping no-man's land between their defence and attack.

Although Souths fielded most of last year's team, plus new British captures Mike Harris and Derek Trail, they were a far cry from the team which created such a favorable impression in the latter stages on 1970.

It would be foolish, however, to write them off as they have too many good players in their ranks not to emerge soon from their present doldrums.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, McGillivray 4, Sambrook 3, Russell 4 (replaced by Smith 62 min.), Montgomery 3 (replaced by Ridley 55 min.), Blues 5, Forster 4, McKinnon 4, Mandrussan 4. Total: 43.

South Sydney: Corry 3, Huntley 2 (Darvill), Carr 3, Doyle 3, Shepherd 3, Wright 3, Taylor 3, Ross

2, Harris 3, Trail 2, Reynolds 3. Total: 31.

Scorers: Forster 5 and 32 mins., Montgomery 35 min., Blues 43 min., M. Smith 67 min. for APIA; Shepherd 69 min. (penalty) for South Sydney.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 5,545 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

RYDE v. AUBURN 4-0

EARLY BIRDS

Ryde secured their victory in the first half, coast along after the fourth goal four minutes before fulltime.

Two typical long-range goals by Brajkovic, decidedly fitter and keener than last year, put the issue beyond doubt after only 23 minutes.

Although a more experienced goalkeeper than Williamson could possibly have saved both shots, there was no denying that Ryde fully deserved their early lead.

A third goal, by Takac, after 30 minutes further

confirmed their first half superiority.

Auburn, completely outclassed up to halftime, came more into the game after the interval when they enjoyed at least equal possession and mounted several dangerous break-aways.



JIM STEWART
(Auburn)

The Ryde defence, however, with Rudic and Trkulja outstanding, stood its ground well.

Joe Alagich, until then largely passive and never in position on his wing, made it 4-0 in the 66th minute.

Ryde, like Hakoah before them, will have to confirm this crushing victory against stiffer opposition than Auburn.

The Grand Final winners, however, showed flashes of attractive, pattern football which suggests they can again be amongst the leaders in 1971.

Rafanelli's imminent return will further strengthen their already impressive midfield.

Ryde: Cajkusic 4, Crnic 4, Bakaric 3, Waters 3, Rudic 5, Trkulja 5, J. Alagich 2, F. Rudic 2, Brajkovic 5, Takac 4, Volar 3. Total: 40.

Auburn: Williamson 2, Hawkins 3, Stewart 3, Craggs 3, Strachan 3, De Santi 2, Ashby 2, McDonald 3, Schneider 4, Edwards 3, Lambert 2. Total: 30.

Scorers: Brajkovic 15 and 23 mins., Takac 30 min., Alagich 66 min.

Referee: K. Lockrey. Crowd: 2,042 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

Hakoah v. Marrickville 3-0

Very pedestrian

Although they again won handsomely, Hakoah were much less impressive than against Auburn and turned on an insipid display which gave their fans little to enthuse about.

Hakoah started off well enough and were two goals up after only 15 minutes, but there was a long drought until the last minute of play before they scored again.

As against Auburn, Brazilians Muniz and Lopes were again among goals, and Izatt scored the third just on fulltime.

Against Auburn Izatt had opened the scoring.

Of the three Brazilians, Muniz was the only one who reproduced his form of the opening Ampol Cup match.

Lopes and Silva were ineffective, over-dribbled and didn't relish the hard tackling of the Marrickville defenders — a preview, perhaps of how they will react when faced with tougher opposition.

Marrickville, despite being outclassed, showed some improvement and played much better than against Western Suburbs.

In the second half, they actually had the surprisingly shaky Hakoah defence on the run for sustained periods.

If Olympic only had one forward worthy of the name, they could easily have opened their Ampol points account with at least one goal.

Apart from their fighting spirit, the former Berries at this stage have little to recommend them, but Demopoulos' return to the fold is a step in the right direction as it already instilled more confidence in their rearguard.

Bob Fekete, who linked up well from defence into attack, was the pick of a very pedestrian Hakoah, who appear to be carrying several out-of-form players in defence at this stage of the season.

Haffey, Watkins as well as Marnoch, the cornerstone of their defence, are still a long way from their best form and could experience some difficulty when they come up against more skilled opponents in coming matches.

Hakoah: Haffey 3, Fekete 4, Hillsdon 3 (Davey 3), Watkins 3, Marnoch 3, Yagdas 4 (Walsh 4), Muniz 4, Lopes 3, Izatt 3, Baartz 4, Silva 3. Total: 37.

Marrickville Olympic: Demopoulos 3, Whitehead 3, Harris 3, Hardy 3, Xipolitis 3, Romanos 3, Withers 3, Bamforth 3, Thompson 2, Salerno 3, Lowry 2 (Balafas). Total: 31.

Scorers: Muniz 9 min., Lopes 15 min., Izatt 69 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 5,545 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

AMPOL POINTS

WIN = 12 points
DRAW = 5 points
LOSS = NO points
GOAL = 1 point

PRAGUE v. MARCONI 4-3

GOALKEEPERS' PICNIC

Two costly defensive blunders in the space of one minute almost cost Prague a match they should have won comfortably.

Holding a 3-1 lead, their fumbling defenders allowed Allan Griffiths to score twice within 45 seconds in the 57th minute.

Justice, however, was served eight minutes later when Gary Mannel, the star of the match with Larry Armytage, notched the match-winning goal.

Marconi, still not to be denied, made one more gallant attempt to pull the game out of the fire, and almost succeeded in forcing a draw when only a miraculous deflection off Gary King's foot prevented Griffiths from getting his hat-trick just on fulltime.

Marconi players swear the ball crossed the line, but referee Walter Novelli ruled "no goal".

Prague — the better team — would have been dreadfully unlucky not to win this dramatic match, which was full of incident and freakish goals.



RAUL BLANCO
(Prague)

Ray Richards, whose long throw-ins created a sensation on last year's tour by the Australian national team, opened the scoring in the 14th minute.

with a formidable throw-in which touched the Prague keeper on its way into the net.

The goal which gave Prague a 2-1 lead just on halftime was also unusual as it was deflected in by Klaus Okon, although he was under no pressure.

"PASSENGERS"

Marconi, who lost Australian international full-back John Roche after only four minutes, carried too many "passengers".

They lacked Prague's precision and new-found purpose in attack, but won many friends for their spirited fightback.

Prague: King 3, Harcombe 3, Weir 3, Pedersen 3 (Blackler 3), Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Armytage 5, Blanco 4, G. Mannel 5, Rooney 4, Perry 3. Total: 39.

Marconi: Murray 3, Okon 3, Telfer 3 (Danayevits 52 min.), Bon 3, Malone 3 (replaced Roche 4 min.), Scheinflug 3, Cudek 3, Connolly 3, Richards 4, Griffiths 4, Robertson 3. Total: 35.

Scorers: G. Mannel 22 and 65 mins., Okon (t.o.g.) 35 min., Armytage 41 min. for Prague; King (t.o.g.) 14 min., Griffiths 57 and 58 mins. for Marconi.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 2,042 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"						GROUP "B"							
	W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	2	—	—	8	—	32	APIA	2	—	—	7	1	31
Ryde	1	—	—	4	—	16	Prague	1	—	—	5	5	17
West	1	—	—	3	—	15	St. George	1	—	—	2	1	14
Marrickville	—	—	—	2	—	6	Marconi	—	—	—	1	3	4
Auburn	—	—	—	2	—	9	South Sydney	—	—	—	1	—	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	—	2	—	9	SCU	—	—	—	1	—	2

AMPOL RESULTS

GROUP "A"

	Auburn	Hakoah	Marrickville	Pan Hellenic	Ryde	West
Auburn	●					
Hakoah	5-0	●				
Marrickville		0-3	●			
Pan Hellenic				●		
Ryde					●	
West						●

GROUP "B"

	APIA	Marconi	Prague	St. George	South Coast	South Sydney
APIA	●					
Marconi		●				
Prague		4-3	●			
St. George			2-1	●		
South Coast					●	
South Sydney						●

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Wenty Waratah have very impressive set-up

Wentworthville Waratah, fourth in the Inter-Suburban First Division last year, are certain to be one of the strongest units in Federation Third Division this year.

Wenty are one of the biggest all-round sports clubs in the outer western suburbs, and soccer is the major club sport.

The club's first official trial will be against Northern Districts at the Jenner Road Stadium, Dural, on Sunday, February 21, at 1.15 and 3 p.m.

On Sunday, March 7, Wenty will be at home to the strong Ilawarra district club, Belconnen.

Bellambi reached the NSW Amateur Cup final last year, losing 0-1 to Bulli.

JAMIESON passes away

One of NSW's most respected soccer officials, Bill Jamieson, passed away last weekend.

Bill Jamieson was one of Sydney's leading First Division referees in the early years of the Federation.

He was a man who never wavered in giving a decision, no matter whether it was straightforward or would involve him in controversy.

At the end of his First Division career, he accepted high office in the Referees' Federation where his experience and integrity were used to good effect as president and inspector.

Over recent years, Bill Jamieson was one of the leading forces behind the greater development of Universities soccer.

He regularly held executive positions in the University of NSW Soccer Club and never missed their matches.

In between times he was president of the Concord Junior Club, in the Western Suburbs Association.

We mourn with his wife and family. The game is poorer for his passing.

Other matches are being planned at present.

As Jones Park, Merrylands, is flooded, Wenty will be staging trials on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Old rivals Chelsea are certain to be guests for a Friday night encounter.

The ground is available for State Cup preliminary ties also.

Popular coach Jerry Purcell will again be at the helm with the first team.

Many of last year's under-18 players are seeking a place in the second eleven.

Club president Ted Burge would have liked to have seen a third grade competition, as a feeder to the main grades. Teams are likely to be at least as strong as in 1970, with no major losses expected.

Social club plan

The Wenty football club is so strong that the organisation was formed with a general secretary, as well as senior and junior secretaries.

Many clubs could adopt this plan, and spread the work more equitably amongst competent officials.

The Wenty Waratah Sports and Social Club features basketball, cricket and physical culture, as well as soccer.

The club holds regular socials at the hall at Centenary Park, Merrylands, where they have two junior soccer fields as well.

Negotiations are well in hand to obtain a larger hall, and authority for further action was given at last week's club sub-committee meeting.

Soccer secretary Phil Witcombe foresees a big future for the club.

Witcombe, a Welshman, arrived in Australia in 1951, and took a keen interest in Artarmon before moving ahead with the big Wentworthville soccer project.

Eastwood active

Eastwood Town is one of the clubs to get off to an early start.

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

This sparkling new amateur unit will be playing trials at Jenner Road Stadium from 10 to noon next Sunday.

Secretary Barry Smith says Eastwood will gain from the under-17 and 16 ranks of last year.

Thirty players all under-20

will be trying out for places in the Inter-Suburban teams.

Certainly this is a remarkable start for a young amateur club.

Further matches are likely to be played at Gladesville Reserve on Saturdays, February 20 and 27.

Sutherland aim for top honors

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

If a four-point plan set down last year for Sutherland Shire Soccer Club by coach Mike Johnson succeeds, the club is set to win the championship and promotion by the end of the season.

First phase of the plan was for Sutherland to clinch a first four berth at the end of last season, which was accomplished with ease when the team finished runners-up to Western Suburbs.

However, the next phases of the project are the hardest as Sutherland's goals are to win promotion in 1971, conquer their way to the top four in the 1972 First Division competition, and ultimately win the 1973 First Division competition — in that order.

Although it's no easy task by any means, the plan is not impossible to achieve, and as events are shaping up, Johnson is facing the second point of his plan with confidence as prospects of winning this season's Second Division premiership are rising.

During the off-season, Johnson and his men have been concentrating on the finer points and technique of the game, and serious training for fitness and conditioning only started about three weeks ago.

To achieve his plans, Johnson is concentrating on a team mostly composed of local juniors, and in his first team squad has no less than eight men who learnt their football with Sutherland district clubs.

All players from last season will stay with the club and there will be only minor changes to last season's squad — the exception being Bobby McKnight, who was signed from Hakoah to take up a specific role in the midfield.

Bankstown's depth

An early training start and better organised preparations may give Bankstown United a much better start than last season and the retention of most of their players must give them a fighting chance to win promotion in 1971.

The Towns have signed George Nuttall as player-coach and his wealth of First Division experience should prove a great asset in Second Division football.

With a much steadier administration, players like Ray Sheldrick and Jim Roberts, who last year indicated they wanted to move to other clubs, have now decided to stay on as



GEORGE NUTTALL

will Dennis Madden and Jack Maughan.

Hans Friedl, the Swiss goalkeeper who missed most of last season's matches because of a trip to Europe, is certain to be back in the side.

Only two players from last season's line-up may end up with other clubs.

They are talented winger Peter Clarke, whose fee was reduced from a massive \$7,000 to \$4,000, and goalgrabber Peter Mulvan, whose fee is a modest \$600.

Bankstown will use the Soccer Centre for their home matches this season, but training is at present being conducted twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at outer Bankstown Oval.

The club has depth in its strength and the first grade team will be boosted with a few fresh and young faces to make up for any loss.

Mucillo joins Inter

John Mucillo, the former APIA, Yugal and Canterbury player, has been appointed to coach North Sydney-Inter for the coming season.

Training started in the middle of January and Inter will be playing trial matches at Garside Park against Granville this Thursday night and Manly at Narrabeen Park on Sunday.

The club has also appointed Dilvo Tinagli to coach its two grade sides and training sessions are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cammeray Park.

Most of last season's players have been retained but a few new faces are certain.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

With a couple of preliminary rounds still to be played off, JUST and Polonia have already assured themselves of places in the Ampol Cup semifinals. Croatia look almost certain to get a place and join Polonia in their section as the qualifiers.

In the other section it's six of one and half a dozen of the other who will accompany JUST into the last four.

Last week's results: Hakoah 1 (Clarey) d. SM-Hellas 0, Polonia 2 d. Wilhelmina 0.

The matches scheduled for this Friday night at Olympic Park are as follows: Wilhelmina v. Melbourne, Hakoah v. Juventus.

By the time this goes into print Mike De Bruyckere, the former Dutch international forward who has played and coached among other clubs Wilhelmina, Juventus, Melbourne, George Cross and Lions, is likely to have been installed as coach by Alexander. De Bruyckere's son, Benny, one of Victoria's most promising teenage soccer players, could go to Holland as a full time pro once his schooling in Victoria is finished.

Following their recent ordering off in the Croatia v. Melbourne match, Joe Rajher, the Croatia forward was outed for three weeks and Billy Rogers, the South African-born centre of Melbourne, copped a four week suspension.

Frank Bot, the Hungarian-born long serving defender of Croatia who quit State League soccer last season, is likely to become coach of Preston-Makedonia in the Metropolitan First Division. Makedonia had a brief spell in the State League a few years ago.

Alan Rutherford, the South Melbourne-Hellas defender who recently appeared for Victoria against Toyo Kogyo, may return to the U.K. for personal reasons next month. Rutherford who joined Hellas early last season played for Southern League side Tonbridge.

Wilhelmina, who sold ace striker Wim Spiekerman, a former Dutch amateur international to Western Suburbs, and who also lost Brian Edgeley to Balgownie, have been struggling in the night soccer without this formidable pair. However, the Ringwood side have hopes that their most recent newcomer, Morris (ex-York City) will fill the gap.

Despite many "pow-wows" in recent months and discussions on possible amalgamation between the clubs, the marriage between South Melbourne-Hellas and Alexander is off.

Strong, harsh words have been uttered in Victorian soccer in the past few weeks and the recipients have been the State League clubs and their players. Setting the ball rolling with a verbal blast against the State League clubs was State side manager, John Barclay, who after the stunning defeat of Victoria by Kosice and Toyo Kogyo accused the clubs of not having their players properly tuned up or fit and particularly those selected for the Victorian squad. Next broadside, and this time against the players, came after the VSF revealed a poor response from senior players to a coaching course arranged and organised by the Federation and the Coaches Association. John Oliphant, a former State League chairman, member of the Board of Management and an executive member of the ASF, said he was disgusted at the paltry response and accused players of being ready to take money for the job as a coach without ensuring they are properly equipped for the post.

— JIM COOK

HELLAS SCORE HISTORIC WIN

The fast, purposeful West Adelaide Hellas team made historians boggle on February 3 when they defeated Toyo Kogyo 2-1 before a crowd of 6,500 at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was the first time in the 72nd minute, but that a local combination had triumphed over a visiting overseas side.

Hellas matched the Japanese champions in skill and speed and surpassed them with more decisive tackling and superior goal-shooting.

Kerry Stamos earned the plaudits of the crowd when he gave Hellas the lead five minutes before half-time.

Toyo equalised through substitute, Hideo Kohara

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Crisp shots

Campbelltown-Azzurri and Pan Hellenic have come to terms over 1970 West End Medal winner, Terry Wetton.

The Sydney club have agreed to pay \$8,000 on a "H.P." plan involving the payment of \$2,000 "deposit" and the balance over an agreed period.

Wetton's transfer contract has been prepared by Campbelltown secretary, Lou Penna, who is a successful Adelaide solicitor.

At press time the appointment of the new SA coach had been delayed because Board chairman, Peter Nikolich spent last weekend in Sydney at a meeting of the ASF.

SA soccer lost a dedicated official with the sudden death of Harry Thompson. Aged 52, Harry gave a lifetime of service to the code, first as a player for Birkalla and as secretary for a record-breaking 18 years. He severed his club ties three years ago to accept a position as ground manager of the Hindmarsh Stadium. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

WA-Hellas may follow in the footsteps of St. George-Budapest. After Hellas had beaten Toyo Kogyo 2-1 Toyo officials advised the Adelaide side to write to the Japanese League seeking permission to tour. Toyo Kogyo will forward a letter of recommendation that Hellas be accepted.

Juventus will make their third appearance in the current Ampol series when they take on Elizabeth City in the late game tonight (February 12). Campbelltown-Azzurri will oppose Victoria in the first match, Monday's program — Budapest v. USC Lion and Polonia v. Elizabeth City — will have a vital bearing on the composition of the final four.

— ALLAN CRISP

AMPOL CUP 1971

WESTS v. RYDE 3-2

GOALSCORING FEAST

West took Ryde to task from the kick-off with some clever movements in attack that had the usually sound Ryde defence backpedalling under pressure.

However, it was Ryde who opened the score when a cross by winger Joe Alagich down the centre was driven hard by centre-forward Brankovic towards goal.

Goalkeeper Ross Kelly stopped the shot but failed to hold it, and inside-forward Takac hit an easy rebound into the net.

For a short period Ryde seemed to gain the upper-hand, but some determined attacks by Wests brought good results with two superb

goals by Wim Spiekerman, which gave them the lead at half-time.

Best goal of the match was scored by midfielder George Kinnell who connected in mid-air to a right flank pass to score with a right-footed drive from 20 yards out.

Kinnell, youngster Brian Turner and the deadly accurate Spiekerman were Wests' most outstanding men in a smooth, well-drilled combination.

Ryde missed the prompting of Rafanelli in midfield and in this department the result of the match was determined.

Wests: Kelly 3, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 4, Johnston 4, Kinnell 5, Blue 3, Pont 4, Guldea 3, Turner 4, Spiekerman 4, Byles 3. Total: 41.

Ryde: Cakusie 4; Crnie 4.

Bakovic 3, Waters 3, I. Rudic 4, Trkulja 4, J. Alagich 3, F. Rudic 3, Brankovic 4, Takac 3, Voler 3. Total: 38.

Scorers: Spiekerman 13 and 28 mins., Kinnell 43 min. for Wests; Takac 9 min., Brankovic 49 min. for Ryde.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 4,217 (double-header). **CHARLES SPITERI**

SCU v. PRAGUE 1-3

ALWAYS ON TOP

Complete lack of fighting spirit and under-standing led to South Coast's downfall.

Prague, on the other hand, began brilliantly and were very soon off the mark with a clever goal by Jim Rooney.

The Sydneysiders' midfielders Blanco and Rooney set up a steady flow of perfect passes for their forwards and Manuel and Armytage always found room for themselves and tore great holes in the provincials' defence.

The second half followed the same pattern with Prague again notching a quick goal. Prague then appeared to be content with their one-goal lead, but this almost cost them dearly as it allowed United back in the game.

Prague would have been in trouble had McGuckin not missed an unbelievable chance when he managed to sky the ball high over the bar while standing on the goaline!

This near-miss shook Prague up and within minutes Armytage and Manuel combined cleverly to send Perry in for his second goal which put the result beyond doubt.

South Coast: Ramage 4, Gleeson 2, Culbert 3, Walker 4, Wilson 3, Galbraith 3, Masters 2, Gracie 4, McGuckin 3, Dunlop 4, McGun-nigle 3. Total: 34.

Prague: Tuinman 3, Harcombe 3, Weir 4, Pedersen 4, Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Armytage 4, Blanco 5, Manuel 5, Rooney 4, Perry 4. Total: 42.

Scorers: Rooney 5 min., Perry 40 and 58 mins. for Prague; Gracie 43 min. for South Coast.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,045. **PETER SCHUMACHER**

P. Hellenic v. Hakoah 1-1

Rescue by Keddie

Pan Hellenic were the better team throughout the 70 minutes; they should have and could have won against a deeply disappointing, lethargic and drab Hakoah.

The match itself was below average in standard; the sultry conditions sapped the energy of players even before leaving the dressing room.

However, even under these conditions Pan Hellenic managed to retain their almost customary fire and zest while Hakoah lost all of theirs.

The first half showed Pan Hellenic clearly in command and Smith's goal — a lovely angled drive on the run — gave them the lead they richly deserved.

Most spectators expected Hakoah to regain their composure after the break and hand out the hiding everybody had been tipping.

When Keddie, a halftime replacement, scored within 60 seconds of resumption, these sentiments seemed justified.

But Hakoah never really got going; the passes from their midfielders were painfully inaccurate and the forwards hardly created any chances.

Towards the end Pan Hellenic had a chance to wrap up the game and provide the season's first major upset.

However, Barboutis missed from six yards out, thus letting a dismal Hakoah off the hook.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke 3, Henson 4, H. Xipolitis 4, Hignett 4, Barboutis 3, Wetton 4, Smith 4, Harding 2,

McCulloch 4, McDermost 3, Cullen 3 (Vrolyks 3). Total: 38.

Hakoah: Haffey 3 (Fuzes 4), Fekete 5, Marnoch 3, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 3, Yaager 3, Muniz 3, Baartz 3, Izatt 3, Lopes 2 (Keddie 3), Silva 3. Total: 35.

Scorers: Smith 8 min. for Pan Hellenic; Keddie 36 min. for Hakoah.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 2,850. **PAUL DEAN**

APIA v. MARCONI 3-1

Cup holders had to fight

APIA didn't win as easily as the scoreline might indicate.

Actually, they were given quite a fright in the first half when Santoro deservedly put Marconi ahead in the 27th minute.

With just a slice of ordinary luck Marconi should have been leading 2-0 because Richards hit the bar with a tremendous 30-yard drive which looked a goal all the way.

APIA regained their composure in the latter stages of the first half and were back in business a minute before halftime when Stan Forster scored the first of his three goals.

Marconi v. Sth. Sydney 2-1

Good start

Two goals up in the first 13 minutes, Marconi could have won this game handsomely, but after they faded away in the second half they were a trifle lucky to come out winners.

Souths were sluggish in the early stages, but their second half performance could have earned them a share of the spoils if their shooting hadn't been so much astray.

Marconi started impressively and Ray Richards pot off the mark with a dazzling solo effort down the middle eluding half a dozen defenders before slipping the ball to Santoro who made no mistake from close range.

With the South Sydney defence at sixes and sevens, Marconi kept up the pressure and a long ball by John Cudek was intercepted by Alan Griffiths who slid past two defenders before beating Corry with a well placed shot.

After this goal Marconi seemed to run out of steam and after a short burst in the opening minutes of the second half in which Griffiths and Scheinflug hit both up-rights, they allowed South Sydney to take the initiative. South Sydney lifted their game considerably in the

second half after David Taylor streaked past several Marconi defenders on the right wing to beat Murray and reduce the leeway.

Taylor beat the Marconi defence twice more in the same fashion during this half but once his shot hit the post with Murray well beaten and the second time he missed the easiest of chances by shooting wide.

Marconi: Murray 3, B. Jones 2 (Teffer, Curran 4, Richards 5, Scheinflug 4, Robinson 3, Danajevits 2, Cudek 3, Santoro 4, Griffiths 3, Connolly 3. Total: 36.

South Sydney: Corry 4, A. Jones 3, Carr 3, Doyle 3, Shepherd 3, Wright 4, Taylor 4, Ross 3, Frakes 3, Harris 3, Reynolds 2 (Trail). Total: 35.

Scorers: Santoro 5 min., Griffiths 13 min. for Marconi; Taylor 39 min. for South Sydney.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 4,217 (double-header). **CHARLES SPITERI**

Marrickville v. Auburn 3-1

Spirited revival

Marrickville Olympic surprised friend and foe alike with a bright first half display which sunk a hapless Auburn, going from bad to worse.

Marrickville was the only team in it in the first half and they fully deserved their 3-0 lead at the break even if there wasn't much glory attached to their first two goals.

The first should never have been allowed because Terry Thompson impeded the 18-year-old Auburn goalie John Dunn as he jumped to gather a high centre from Billy Kerklann, which floated in over his head.

The second, a penalty for "hands", was rather generously awarded, I felt, by referee Peter Rampley.

Olympic's third goal was a beauty as Thompson, who is not without promise, neatly dribbled his way past a wall of defenders to score.

Auburn staged a comeback of sorts in the second half, but although they reduced their arrears through Froud

in the 56th minute, they were too hasty in front of goal to fully exploit the weaknesses in the Olympic defence.

Marrickville Olympic: Demopoulos 3, Bamforth 3 (replaced Raeburn 21 min.), Harris 3, Hardy 4, J. Xipolitis 4, Romanos 3, Lowry 4, Zivkovic 3, Thompson 4, Kerklann 3 (Massi 40 min.), Whitehead 3. Total: 37.

Auburn: Dunn 3, Hawkins 3, Hoggart 3 (replaced by Froud 44 min.), Craggs 3, Strachan 4, De Sarr 3, Edwards 2 (Chambers 2), McDonald 3, Schneider 4, Sidney 2, Lambert 2. Total: 32.

Scorers: Kerklann 23 min., Whitehead 25 min. (penalty), Thompson 34 min. for Marrickville; Froud 56 min. for Auburn.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 3,920 (double-header). **LOU GAUTIER**

AMPOL TABLES

	GROUP "A"					GROUP "B"				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Hakoah	2	1	0	13	8	APIA	3	0	10	24
Wests	2	1	0	6	23	Prague	2	1	8	6
Ryde	1	1	0	6	18	Marconi	1	2	6	8
Marrickville	1	2	3	7	15	St. George	1	1	3	15
Pan Hellenic	1	1	1	6	5	SCU	1	2	3	15
Auburn	1	1	1	12	1	South Sydney	1	2	2	7

AMPOL RESULTS

GROUP "A"

	Auburn	Hakoah	Marrickville	Pan Hellenic	Ryde	Wests
Auburn	●	0-5	1-3	0-4	0-4	
Hakoah	5-0	●	3-0	1-1		
Marrickville	3-1	0-3	●			0-3
Pan Hellenic		1-1		●		
Ryde	4-0				●	2-3
Wests			3-0		3-2	●

GROUP "B"

	APIA	Marconi	Prague	St. George	South Coast	South Sydney
APIA	●	3-1	3-4	2-0	5-1	
Marconi	1-3	●	4-3	1-2	3-1	2-1
Prague			●	2-1	1-2	
St. George			1-3	●	2-1	
South Coast	0-2				●	
South Sydney	1-5	1-2				●

Jilted Rapid will protest to A.S.F.

Riverside Rapid, the Sydney Austrian-based football club, has set out a heavy program in a strong challenge for the Inter-Suburban First Division.

The club was hard hit by its non-acceptance in the Federation Third Division.

Riverside, however, suffered an early shock at the hands of the vastly improved Lane Cove club, going down 3-4 in a hard fought trial at Mahoney Oval.

Lane Cove were right on top at halftime, and were 4-1 ahead.

Riverside came back into the game, but by missing a penalty kick they failed to gain a draw.

Some compensation had come in the early game, won 2-0 by Riverside.

Next week Riverside line up against Marrickville, so they should be well prepared for the State Cup games.

Riverside secretary Fred Holler says the club will protest to the Australian Soccer Federation, if necessary, against their exclusion from the Federation Third Division.

"We have as strong a committee as most First Division clubs.

"Riverside feels the Third Division was formed to provide for Northern Districts club, and we regard competition entry as dependent upon form on the field.

"Accordingly, we should have had our Third Division place ahead of Revesby Workers and Campbelltown," Holler said.

JUNIORS PREPARE

Suburban junior clubs are due for top marks for the enlightened way in which so many of them are approaching the opening of the football season.

The efforts of some of the clubs around the northern suburbs are particularly noteworthy.

An excellent brochure has been issued for display by shopkeepers and enthusiasts by the Gordon Junior SFC.

A front display of a player in action is the highlight.

For more detailed information on training grounds and club activities the brochure folds out four-fold to set out the details.

Mt. Colah club has engaged coach Mick Jones for a series of lectures to players and coaches.

At the Pymble Community Centre State coach Les Scheinffug is addressing a big meeting on Monday, February 22, at 8 p.m.

John Roche and Ray Richards will give their impressions of the 1970 Australian world tour.

Carlingford District — the "Redbacks" — went to press with views on the reasons why not enough junior players move through to senior ranks.

Although there must obviously be a wastage of talent as youngsters go

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— By KEITH GILMOUR —

ahead to broader interests and careers, treatment of this topic has at times been marked by sporting prejudices and lack of forethought.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

It is rarely we see the middle echelon clubs actively campaigning for youth in the 15-20 year bracket.

Perhaps by next year we may find the suburban, inter-suburban, under-18 and 21 years clubs actively campaigning to hold and gain more youthful players in their ranks.

This is without doubt a separate and distinct task from the recruitment of younger schoolboys into the competitions of the clubs in the district associations.

The First and Second Division clubs will inevitably attract more of the top line youth players of the State to their ranks.

The middle bracket clubs can gain from actively advertising for more youth players with appropriate messages, and we can confidently predict that this will be the trend from here onwards.

AMATEUR CUP

Last year the restrictions applying to match dates in the NSW Amateur Cup resulted in only 19 clubs entering the competition.

Taking NSW as a whole, there are 800-900 senior amateur teams so the Cup entry was a very small one indeed.

The limited opening for clubs to enter had the effect of leading the amateur clubs to press for the opportunity to compete in the newly restored Federation State Cup competition.

In this some amateur clubs will weather the storm, and face up to the Second Division clubs in a bid to gain a place in the final rounds of the State Cup.

That's the big opening — but what of the 1971 Amateur Cup?

NSW Amateur secretary B. Emery told SOCCER WORLD that, although the clubs entering will have to be prepared to play on nominated dates, the amateur Federation will this year do everything possible to enable clubs to meet their playing commitments in the Amateur Cup.

The assurance is welcome, as the State Cup threatens to outshine the Amateur Cup.

The existence of the NSW Amateur Cup as a meaningful competition depends upon a wide entry coming forward.

Let's hope the amateur clubs at least double their entries this year, in spite of the glamour and early start of the State Cup ties.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

With the last preliminary Ampol Cup round scheduled for this Friday night, three of the semi-finalists are now known — JUST, Croatia and Polonia.

This week's matches are: Croatia v. Polonia; JUST v. SM Hellas.

The Croatia v. Polonia game is almost meaningless, except that both sides will be keen to top their section. And although Polonia have a full quota of points from their previous two games, opposed to Croatia's three points, I fancy after this match Croatia will head their section.

The JUST v. Hellas game is, however, highly competitive and Hellas on no easy task must snatch a point to accompany JUST into the semis. If Hellas fail and are beaten, then Juventus will win through and atone for missing out last year.

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Last week's Ampol Cup results were: Wilhelmina 1 (Bunce, penalty) v. Melbourne 1 (Shanks); Hakoah 1 (Kurta) v. Juventus 5 (B. Thomson 3, Frost, Salisbury).

A transfer deal in the offing, and one which could go through before this goes in print, is an exchange between Hakoah and Lions, which would see former Hakoah long serving winghalf Hugh Murney return to Middle Park from the Essendon side with Derek Panther and Barry Sanson of Hakoah moving to Lions. Murney's younger brother Gerry is with APIA in Sydney.

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Wilhelmina, who failed to get past the qualifying stages of the Ampol Cup and are out of competitive soccer until the State League program commences on March 27, will by then have a quartet of imports to boost their league title hopes. Chris Morris, ex-York City, and Keith Cockburn, ex-Northwich Victoria, both forwards, are already here and will shortly be joined by two 21-year-olds — Peter Ollerton, a six-foot centre from Fleetwood, and John Sykes, a linkman or utility forward who has seen service with Bradford City and Wrexham.

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Victoria will play South Australia in Melbourne on Sunday, March 14.

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Alexander, George Cross and Lions, three of the bottom four clubs in the State League at the end of last season who have been inactive since September 1970, and promoted Box Hill will take part in a mini-competition as curtain-raisers to the Ampol Cup semis and final. With no real indication of improvement in the way of new signings, none of the quartet of teams can be optimistic about their chances for the league season ahead.

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Either Lou Brodie has a soft spot for South Melbourne-Hellas or the Greek side have a soft spot for Brodie . . . For the Yugoslav-born coach, who was in charge of New Zealand's national team for some time and also had a spell with JUST, is back for his third stint as coach to South Melbourne-Hellas.

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Billy Rice, that evergreen Irishman from Belfast, is in his 16th year of senior soccer in Victoria and is by far the longest-serving first team regular in State League soccer. Billy has spent the biggest part of his career with JUST and previous to joining them was with Footscray-Capri, who amalgamated with JUST many years ago. Next longest-serving State League player with the same club is Alan Stenhouse, who is in his ninth year with Hakoah.

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Two former first team Melbourne-HSC players who returned to the U.K. some considerable time ago are "lost" according to secretary-manager Joe Szalay. The club has no idea what has happened to left winger Colin Myers and fullback David Fearn.

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The Victorian State League soccer season starts on March 27-28 with the split round as usual — three games Saturday and three on Sunday. This means there will be a two-week "break" between the Ampol Cup final and the first State League games and during this period it's likely some of the locals will arrange interstate fixtures as well as trials between themselves.

— JIM COOK

Crisp shots

In a remarkable coaching turnabout, George McMillan and Edmund Kreft, have swapped the positions they held last year.

Kreft, coach of the 1970 State team and SA coach for the VSS Kosice game, is now Juventus' coach while McMillan last week was appointed SA coach.

McMillan guided Juventus to the 1970 championship and the Federation Cup and it was obviously these achievements which led to his appointment over three rival candidates.

McMillan's first official act after his appointment as coach and sole selector was to drop five of the squad which lost 0-1 to VSS Kosice and add six new players for Wednesday's game against Moscow Dynamo.

Wally Fedczyszyn (USC Lion), Nick Kefaloudis (WA Hellas), Loukas Kouzapas and Marian Kolecki (Polonia) and Barrie Reynolds (Budapest), have given way to, Peter Tsifos, Dave Pillans (WA Hellas), Mick Harper, Chris Manoley (Elizabeth City) and John Nyskohus, Joe Baxter (USC Lion).

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Flame-haired Juventus midfielder, Graham Sherriffs was suspended for three games on a charge of kicking Polonia forward Roger Ciach.

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Lively Polonia striker, John Mielnik has resumed training following a successful cartilage operation. He is not, however, expected to play until the start of the league season.

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Australian international goalkeeper, Roger Romanowicz played his 200th game for Polonia last Monday night (February 15). He is only the third player to reach the milestone.

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SA Ampol Cup scorecard:— Budapest 2 (Hughes, Bakurski, penalty) d. Polonia 1 (Mielnik).

USC Lion 2 (Ball, Dackiw) d. WA Hellas 1 (Pantelis, penalty).

Campbelltown-Azzurri 2 (Peterson, Saccardo) drew with Victoria 2 (Gaughey, McKenzie).

Juventus 7 (White 2, Serafini 2, Norman 2, Tamandl) d. Elizabeth City 0.

— ALLAN CRISP

POLONIA AGAIN AT CROSSROADS

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Polonia-North Side will not make a concentrated effort to win the 1971 championship and promotion, but will try to rebuild for a big effort in the immediate future.

However, Polonia will be one of the hardest teams to beat and will be a thorn in the side for the more ambitious teams seeking promotion this season.

Under the coaching of John Nowacki, who already took the side to First Division before, and his assistant Milan Skovic, Polonia are certain to retain the services of their more experienced players.

The side has enticed former goalkeeper Joe Drewniak out of retirement and he will line up with such well-known players like Winiarski, Krawiarz, Szmidt, Starek, Calphy and others.

A new and larger committee has been elected recently under president Eddy Dropczynski, secretary John Molski and treasurer Frank Bogdalski.

These men will spearhead discussions for a proposed new club at a meeting of members to be held at St. Patrick's, Blacktown, on Sunday, February 28.

Success from these discussions could herald the birth of a strong Polonia that could lead to a quick return to First Division football.

However, in the meantime the club's business is carried out in the usual manner and a barbeque has been organised for Blacktown on Saturday, February 27.

The club's matches this season will be almost split down the middle, half being played at North Sydney Oval and the rest at Bankstown Centre.

There is a possibility that some games will be played Fridays under floodlights if problems associated with the staging could be overcome.

Training sessions are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, between 8 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., and young players between the ages of 15 and 18 are still needed for the third grade side.

Further particulars for any of the club's activities can be obtained from John Molski on 644-8197.

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

CORINTHIANS

SOCCER CLUB

Invites all junior and senior experienced players interested to join the club in the 1971 season to attend training sessions at

Trumper Park, Paddington
Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.45 p.m.

Further details could be obtained from
Mr. A. Gibson, Phone: 896-1771

AMPOL CUP 1971

PRAGUE v. SOUTH SYDNEY 0-0

SIESTA IN THE SUN

This was one long 70-minute yawn and it was fitting that such mediocrity should end in a nil-all.

If Souths can be reasonably happy with the result in view of their depleted line-up, Prague, on the other hand, have every right to feel worried on the eve of their vital match against APIA.

Prague at no stage played like semifinal material and their forwards were back to their old tricks of missing the easiest of scoring chances.

Sasha Perry was the main offender, even managing to miss three absolute "sitters"

in the one goalmouth incident in the 45th minute.

Prague did play better football than Souths, but their only touches of creativity came from Blanco and Rooney.

Backpedalling for most of the first half, South Sydney were more prominent after the interval when Doyle came in, but never really looked like scoring.

They have done remarkably well, however, in their last

two matches considering the scarcity of talent so far available to them.

Prague: Tuinman 3, Harcombe 4, Weir 4, Pedersen 3, Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Armytage 3, Blanco 4, Manuel 3, Rooney 4, Perry 2. Total: 36.

South Sydney: Corry 4,

Ashurst 3 (Doyle 3), Carr 3, Ross 3, Shepherd 4, Wright 4, Taylor 4, Thomson 3, Frakes 3, Harris 2 (replaced by Trail 55 min.), Reynolds 3. Total: 36.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 3,200 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

RYDE v. P. HELLENIC 4-2

CAT AND MOUSE

Last Friday's Ryde bore no resemblance to the team that played such a colorless scoreless draw with Hakoah 48 hours earlier.

Against a spirited Pan Hellenic, Ryde played a cat and mouse game.

Always ahead, they only had to accelerate the pace and apply a fast breakaway to keep their opponents at safe distance.

Ryde's defence, without Tskulja, wasn't all that safe, but in Brajkovic, Alagich, who played his best game so far this year, and Takac they had forwards who were a cut above Hellenic's.

Brajkovic's first goal, which opened the scoring, was the highlight of a fast-moving, entertaining match.

Brajkovic, who later missed a penalty, scored direct with a power-laden corner-kick.

Ryde: Calkusic 3, Bakaric 4, Nacinovic 3, Dougan 3, I. Rudic 4, F. Rudic 2, Alagich 5, Brajkovic 5, Waters 4, Takac 5, Dickinson 3. Total: 41.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke 3, Henson 3, Hignett 4, Barboutis 3, H. Xipolitis 4, Wetton 4, Smith 4, Harding 3, McCulloch 3, Thorne 2, Vrolyks 3. Total: 36.

Scorers: Brajkovic 33 min., Alagich 55 min., Takac 64 min., Waters 68 min., for Ryde: Harding 56 min., Hignett 66 min. (penalty) for Pan Hellenic.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 3,311 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

WESTS v. P. HELLENIC 1-0

KINNELL AGAIN!

West's owed their victory to the tenacity and superb judgment of their midfielder, George Kinnell, who sneaked through the unwary Pan Hellenic defence to score a brilliant goal and capitalise on the one and only lapse of the Pan Hellenic defenders.

West's certainly deserved to come out victors, but by no means were Pan Hellenic disgraced; in fact their cohesion and determination were first rate.

Thrilling and exciting as it was, this match was essentially a battle of defences with Xipolitis, Wetton and Henson on one side, and Kinnell, Hargreaves and Guildea on the other standing out.

Wim Spiekerman was not at his dangerous best in this game and this affected the rest of the forward-line.

George McCulloch in his role of linkman was another excellent performer for Pan

Hellenic, and he was unlucky not to be rewarded with that elusive equaliser late in the match.

West's: Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 4, Johnston 3, Kinnell 6, Blue 4, Pont 2 (Hindmarsh), Guildea 4, Turner 2, Spiekerman 3, Byles 2. Total: 39.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke 4, Henson 4, Hignett 3, Barboutis 4, H. Xipolitis 4, Wetton 4, Smith 2 (P. Clarke), Harding 3, McCulloch 5, McDermott 2, Demos 3. Total: 37.

Scorers: Kinnell 37 min.

Referee: F. Sblsa. Crowd: 2,005.

— CHARLES SPITERI

ST. GEORGE v. APIA 3-3

SLOPPY DEFENDERS

This was what a cliché-ridden Sydney racing commentator would call a "ding-dong camera."

Three times the Saints led and three times their meek defence allowed APIA to equalise — always from dead-ball movements.

Eventually it was the supreme opportunity of Stan Forster, that revitalised import from last year's scrapheap, who stole individual honors for the night with yet another of his hat-tricks.

Both St. George and APIA played some good stuff occa-

sionally, without being able to sustain their effort.

At one stage, early in the second half, it looked like a runaway St. George win — and at the end it was APIA that was storming the barricades.

St. George: Fraser 3 (Taylor 3), Sandell 2, Schaefer 3, Harris 4, Warren 3, Utjesenovic 4, Ainslie 4, Campbell 3, Denton 3, Abonyi 4, Alston 3. Total: 36.

APIA: McQuire 3, Keith 4, Hughes 3, Ackley 3, McGilvray 3, Russell 3, Blues 4, Campbell 3, Forster 4, McKinnon 3, Madrusan 2 (Montgomery 3). Total: 36.

Scorers: Abonyi 12 min., Hughes (o.g.) 35 min., Denton 55 min. for St. George; Forster 18, 56 and 62 mins. for APIA.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 4,600 (double-header).

— PAUL DEAN

St. Sydney v. St. Geo. 4-2

Final spurt

South Sydney unexpectedly showed some of the form which took them to the semifinals last year.

They were always faster to the ball, and this paid good dividends towards the end of the game when they ran rings round the St. George defence.

Although they ended on the losing side, Denton, Ainslie and Alston returned home with untarnished reputations.

It was only some magnificent goalkeeping by Ron Corry, including a penalty save off Denton, which kept Souths in the game until their final spurt.

Saints, weakened by injuries and Warren's absence, never got into top gear.

South Sydney, also a very depleted side, have cause for optimism after this promising performance.

Their defence, well marshalled by Shepherd, did ex-

ceptionally well to give Corry adequate support against Saints' sharpshooters.

South Sydney: Corry 5, Ashurst 3, Carr 4, Ross 4, Shepherd 4, Wright 4 (replaced by Reynolds 50 min.), Taylor 4, Thomson 3, Frakes 3, Harris 3 (replaced by Trail 45 min.), Doyle 4. Total: 41.

St. George: Taylor 3, Sandell 3, Morgan 3, Anderson 3, Harris 3, Campbell 3, Utjesenovic 3, Ainslie 4, Abonyi 3, Alston 4, Denton 4. Total: 36.

Scorers: Taylor 20 min., Doyle 22 min., Reynolds 60 min., Frakes 69 min. for Souths; Alston 23 min., Abonyi 55 min. for St. George.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 3,547 (double-header).

— PETER SCHUMACHER

SCU v. MARCONI 0-2

EFFORTLESSLY

Outmanoeuvred by Les Scheinflug and Rino Bon, South Coast had no answer for Marconi's bright display at Woonona last Friday week.

With precision passing, Marconi weaved their way effortlessly through the United defence.

South Coast sadly lacked a competent forward to help Max Tolson, who was in great form, but completely isolated.

Murray, the Marconi goalkeeper, wasn't tested all night.

It was all Marconi in the first half in which Ray Richards stood out and scored a good goal from a freekick.

The less said about the second half, the better.

Referee Frank Sblsa had his book full with South Coast names and sent the usually complacent Peter Wilson off after he had retaliated under provocation.

Scorers: Richards 16 min., Scheinflug 32 min.

Referee: F. Sblsa.

Crowd: 3,547 (double-header).

— PETER SCHUMACHER

AUBURN v. WESTS 0-0

GOALIE THE STAR

The fact that Wests were playing their third game in a week probably accounted for their slow-moving attacks and a rather shaky defence, particularly in the later stages of the game.

Auburn took most of the credit from this game, and after surviving the initial onslaught by Wests, they finished on top, and for the lack of poor shooting could have registered a shock win.

Eighteen-year-old goalkeeper John Dunn had a few lucky escapes early, but once he gained confidence he was right on top of the Western Suburbs forwards.

Auburn were forced to field a makeshift team with several new players.

Most impressive was centre-forward Simpson, but it was an "unknown" defence that stopped Wests in their tracks.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 3,311 (double-header).

— CHARLES SPITERI

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Pan Hellenic	1	2	5	6	22	St. George	1	1	2	8	25	
Marrickville	1	—	3	3	9	15	South Sydney	1	1	2	6	9
Auburn	—	1	3	1	2	6	SCU	—	1	3	3	8

P. Hellenic v. M'ville 2-0

Unhurried

Pan Hellenic were never extended to win an insipid Greek "derby" which produced few thrills for the small crowd.

The result was never in doubt after Harding's well-taken 19th minute goal and although Hellenic's second goal came from a penalty, it was one-way traffic for most of the game.

Marrickville's only big chance came in the 54th minute when a spectacular scissor-kick by Barboutis off the line saved a certain goal by Terry Thompson.

With nothing at stake for both teams, motivation was missing and this lack of urgency was reflected in the play.

Pan Hellenic, despite their clear-cut victory, didn't play as well as against Ryde 48 hours earlier, but then they didn't have to against very ordinary opposition...

Olympic were weak all-round, with Demopoulos surprisingly sloppy and nervous, and shopper John Xipolitis was badly missed.

Referee Keith Lockrey was extraordinarily lenient when he didn't even book Barboutis and Salerno for engaging in fistfights just on halftime. Both were lucky not to be sent off.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis 3, Henson 3, Hignett 4, Barboutis 4, H. Xipolitis 4, Wetton 4, Smith 3 (replaced by McDermott 53 min.), Harding 4, McCulloch 4, Thorne 2, Vrolyks 2 (Demos 4). Total: 37.

Marrickville Olympic: Demopoulos 3, Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3, Hardy 3, Romanos 3, Bamforth 2 (Harris 2), Lowry 3, Zivkovic 3, Thompson 3, Keriklan 3 (replaced by Massi 57 min.), Salerno 4. Total: 33.

Scorers: Harding 19 min., Hignett 52 min. (penalty).

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 3,200 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

HAKOAH v. RYDE 0-0

THICK GLOOM

In trouble. Stop. Send help. Stop. — This should be the signal sent out to all good ex-Hakoah men around the globe after the second successive inept display of last year's champions.

For the 70 minutes Hakoah looked a picture of gloom and ineptitude.

Once again the Brazilian imports would have made Pele cry in shame; once again the midfield flow of passes was sadly absent.

Here and there there was a glimmer of hope — Fekete providing most of it — but even when their forwards did get close to the goal, the shots, especially from Baartz, sailed over the bar at ridiculous heights.

Ryde were also unimpressive. In patches they combined cleverly and menaced the Hakoah goal but their efforts were also sterile and wasted.

Neither team really deserved to win this disappointing clash.

Hakoah: Fuzes 3, Davey 3, Marnoch 3, Hillsdon 3, Watkiss 3, Fekete 4, Muniz 2 (Izalt 3), Lopes 2, Keddie 3, Baartz 3, Silva 2. Total: 32.

Ryde: Calkusic 3, Bakaric 3, Nacinovic 3, Waters 3, I.

Resignation over ASF take-over bid

Phil Sleep, chief architect of the Australian Amateur Association, has tendered his resignation in protest against the proposed take-over of the AASA by the Australian Soccer Federation.

The ASF will reform the national amateur body, to be known as the ASF Amateur Division.

Sleep, who has given years of service to Banks-town District, NSW, and in forming the new Australian body, will retire from active service to the game.

The essence of the position revolves around control.

Many ASF and NSW officials have been afraid from the outset that the AASA body would become too strong to contain.

When they spread cold water on the AASA affiliation, the numerically weaker States in the Federation failed to support it.

NSW Amateurs gave the scheme lip-service, and so it can be expected to pass from amateur to Federation control.

It could have been used as a national body, culminating in a Federation sub-committee.

The ASF is calling for each State Federation to send a representative to the Amateur Division meeting.

A chairman and a secretary are to be appointed for a four year term, which appears a less than democratic arrangement since they will be members of the ASF Executive.

Intriguing questions

The new Amateur Division should be dedicated to improving the members and standard of junior and amateur players.

At these levels the game must expand further through contact with all States.

Will the new officials do this?

Or are they and their guides entirely wedded to professional football?

Some interesting stories are around.

But there is a cute twist to the position.

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Maybe some of the people who berated the AASA will be the people charged with getting the ASF Amateur Division on the road.

Phil Sleep can go out with his head held high.

By forcing the pace, the national controllers have been forced to form an ASF Amateur Division.

They would not have been in that position otherwise.

After all, the National Amateur body was stated to be "10 years before its time."

And that sort of attitude had also delayed recognition of the Australian Coaches' Federation and the Australian Referees' Federation.

Will the Amateur Division work towards propagation of the junior game, and lifting seniors to amateur international representation?

There will be plenty of room for good sound amateur organisers, because the Amateur Division will have to be put on the right track when it gets under way.

CLUB SURE TO HELP GRANVILLE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

"To say that Granville will not seek promotion is not quite correct," coach Denis Adrigan told me this week.

Granville are facing the new season with extreme confidence, and although there may not be too many new faces in the team, Adrigan has high hopes for his young talented charges.

Adrigan is a great believer in the teaching and developing of the local product, and he sees very little future in clubs who rely on second-rate importations at the expense of the eager, but under-coached Australian juniors.

In his second year of rebuilding at Granville, Adrigan has already cast an eye on several youngsters with great individual abilities — an essential raw material in the making of a future player.

He is at Garside Park three times a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays), teaching the finer points of the game to the abounding supply of talent in the area.

At his side, Adrigan has some of the most able men in the district to assist him including Harry Shand, Ron Stone, the former Waratahs president, and Paul Sparkes, who coaches the under-15 representative team.

Of the established players, Les Schauman is already in top form and others who are expected to improve this season include Martin Loftus, Clive Lee and Alan Maher, the goalkeeper.

Arthur Rutley, who last season went to NS-Inter from Granville, is expected to return, and he may be one of two of the more experienced players who could be on the Granville payroll before the season starts.

Team manager Jim Stevenson is another man who works closely with the coaches, keeping an eye on

the players as they go through their paces in training and trial matches.

Two weeks ago the Granville licensed club went into operation and although it won't be officially opened for five or six weeks, first returns have been encouraging.

Secretary-manager of the club is Charlie Marshall.

However, the whole set-up of the Granville club will change next month at the Annual General Meeting when the Granville Supporters' Club will absorb all the functions and responsibilities of the Soccer Club.

Club president, Ron Simmonds said this week that the Granville Club is most appreciative of the help of Parramatta Council in making this project a reality.

Areas around the club will be paved and sealed for parking taking more than 500 cars off the streets.

Simmonds said that by the end of the year the present stand on the southern side of the ground will be covered to make Garside Park an all weather ground.

All organisations associated with soccer in the district have been given free use of the clubrooms for their meetings and these include the District Referees, Junior Association, the Coaches' Branch, etc.

At the helm of the Granville Supporters' Club are: Lindsay Burgess (president), Ron Simmonds (treasurer), Rex Isles (vice-president) and Des Barker (secretary).

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Old rivals JUST and Polonia meet in the first semifinal of the Ampol Cup this Friday night at Olympic Park. Beaten finalists last year, the Footscray side are likely to prove too strong and experienced for Polonia. In a curtain-raiser George Cross and Lions who have been out of competitive soccer since last September, meet in a friendly.

Last week's Ampol Cup results: Croatia 1 (Clark) v. Polonia 0; SM-Hellas 1 (Kokkinos) v. JUST 1 (Zoraja).

Nick van Egmond, the Wilhelmina goalkeeper would like to follow Wim Spiekerman and move to Sydney. Nick, one of the best keepers in State League soccer reckons his present club will let him go — but at a price.

Johnny Bedford, one of the very few Australian-born players in State League soccer, recently returned from a trip to England and took his place for the first time in the Hellas line-up against JUST.

The Noordenne Cup, played for annually by the leading club sides in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, got under way last weekend and will continue for several weeks until the final stages are reached. George Cross are the only State League representatives in the competition with other entrants being Slavia, Altona, Sunshine, Moreland, Kingsville, Western Suburbs and St. Albans. Matches are being played each Saturday and Sunday (double-headers) at Kim Reserve, Altona. Altona won the competition last year.

It's foolish to make long-term predictions in soccer. But according to Harry Sutherland, the former Hakoah and Victoria defender, who has been coach of First Division side Altona for some years, inside-forward Bobby Saxton of the club is destined for top flight if he maintains and improves on his present form and ability. Saxton is only 16.

Horst Ran, the German-born wing-half and captain of Croatia, is in his 10th season with the club although the first two seasons he spent with Croat-Preston (at one time in State League) until the amalgamation with Croatia.

Graham Bibby, the regular Wilhelmina centre-half until a year ago when he returned to England, has arrived back in Australia to rejoin the Ringwood side. Bibby, a talented player, should boost the defensive ranks of Wilhelmina.

— JIM COOK

Tough for Victoria against Dynamos

Even although they won't be at full strength, Dynamo Moscow should prove much too good for Victoria when they meet at Olympic Park this Saturday night, February 27, with the kick-off at 8 p.m.

It should be exhibition soccer rather than competitive stuff, and few expect anything else as the difference in class of the sides is too distant to mean a hard-fought game and close result.

Even Victoria at their all-time best would have an uphill task against Dynamo.

And the plain truth is Victoria at present are scratch-

ing to find a combination which will improve on the mailings they received from VSS Kosice and Toyo Kogyo.

The selectors must be scratching their heads looking for a formation which will put up a show and it might have been more sensible at this early stage to have matched Dynamo against one of our best club sides.

— J.C.

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New boss for Campbelltown

Star Campbelltown playmaker Bram Jerrison has been appointed club coach for 1971.

Jerrison took over from Tom Wilson, who is still assisting the club as a committeeman.

Campbelltown defeated Southern Districts premiers Stanton Pipes 3-0 at Merrylands.

Campbelltown were not extended to down Yennora 6-0 in the next match.

The club will be prepared for its opening State Cup tie against Ku-ring-gai on Saturday, March 13.

Club president Mick Ashman expects the Towns to do well this year, although there will probably be no new faces in the first team.

Matches will be played as usual at Campbelltown Showground, where the Council will be erecting lighting to the value of \$25,000 to provide for the local show and for sports use.

Negotiations are moving steadily for acquisition of a 12-acre site by Council for use by the club, on the Appin Road side near Sherwood Hills.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Crisp shots

WA Hellas have begun negotiations with sister club South Melbourne to secure the transfer of fullback Tom Kelly and goalkeeper Dick Stevens.

Kelly, who has represented Victoria, and Stevens were in Adelaide last weekend.

Kelly is shortly due to be transferred to Adelaide by his employers.

WA Hellas had preliminary discussions about Stevens when their reserve goalkeeper, Evan Drandakis returned to Greece earlier this year.

Two of Beograd's Marusic brothers have developed itchy feet while watching the Ampol series. Italo has signed for Burnside-Budapest and former SA and WA-Hellas fullback Elio has thrown in his lot with Enfield-Victoria.

Yet another "marriage" floundered last week when Port Adelaide and Apollo XI announced that their amalgamation had been cancelled. Port had hoped that the merger with the Greek community-sponsored Amateur League team would boost their finances. Apollo believed that they would gain a well established district and two good grounds in the ICI Reserve and the John Hart Reserve. The failure of the clubs to complete the announced amalgamation has caused concern at Federation level. It is now certain that future merger applications will be screened thoroughly.

Less than 12 months have elapsed since Moscow Dynamo played SA at Hindmarsh yet five of the State team fielded when Dynamo won 3-1, were missing for the "return" game on Wednesday (February 24). The missing players were Alex Zervas (currently in Greece), Terry Wetton (Sydney) and Nick Kefaloudis, Loukas Kouzapa and Joe Serafini.

SA Ampol Cup Scoreboard:
USC Lion 0 drew with Budapest 0, Polonia 7 (Cluch 3, Typek 2, Zurawski, H. Kolecki) d. Elizabeth City 2 (Manolev, Rusalein, penalty), Victoria 3 (Caughy, McKenzie, B. Marwe) d. WA Hellas 1 (Vagianos), Juventus 5 (Tamandl 2, Serafini 2, Percin) d. Azzurri 1 (Succardo).

— ALLAN CRISP

N.S.W. v. DYNAMO MOSCOW 3-5

TWO LATE GOALS SAVED N.S.W. FROM DISASTER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The best-looking player in the opening gambit of last Sunday's international was the solid, fair Dynamo rightback Vladimir Basalayev, who demonstrated the skill of an international star forward in holding the ball cleverly before darting up the line.

First tough shot came from Yuri Avrutski in the fourth minute, but Ross Kelly stretched up and watched the ball fly over the bar to safety.

Alexander Grebnev sent Avrutski away up the right, showing that he would be a danger man, and Col Curran was forced to concede the first corner of the match.

John Watkiss took a direct free-kick after eight minutes, when Yuri Semin fouled Larry Armytage.

NSW went close, but Armytage was a yard away from a perfect opportunity to draw first blood.



PETER WILSON

FIRST BLOOD

Armytage was on the spot for a second rebound following an indirect free-kick, and drove the ball past a wall of Dynamos to give NSW first blood against the visitors.

NSW 1 Moscow Dynamo 0.

After 13 minutes Anatoly Piskunov had the large crowd applauding when he drove a shoulder-high ball to Kelly's right, but the State keeper anticipated in good style and cleared his area.

The clever NSW left-back Curran showed his skill in a solo effort, sending a shot two yards wide of the Russian goal.

After 20 minutes Dynamo had been a shade more skillful, but NSW were right with them in teamwork and deservedly were ahead in shooting power.

At this stage the Russian wingers, Piskunov and Alexander Makhovikov, were tending to make the play, but Curran and Allan Marnoch were defending capably when the pressure called for last-second action.

NSW were almost in again in the 26th minute following a freekick by Ray Baartz.

EQUALISER

Now Dynamo was back in the match and Vladimir Utkin had Kelly stretched to his fullest with a screaming drive from more than 30 yards out.

With 35 minutes gone, NSW had plenty to thank Wilson for, as his precision heading was a delight.

Soon Yuri Semin was almost through, but it was left to Utkin to weave his way through to Dynamo's first score.

A deceptively slow ball swerved away from Kelly a few feet inside the right-hand upright.

NSW 1, Moscow Dynamo 1.

Just on halftime Kelly was almost caught napping when a 40-yard ground shot spun out of his hands.

But, for the crowd, it was 50/50, and 1-1 was a fair count at the interval.

For a few minutes early in the second half NSW pressed hard, but after seven minutes the wonderfully fit Dynamos were pinning NSW to their own half.

Dynamo showed their consummate artistry when Avrutski made ground along the right to slip the ball across the turf to Semin, who eluded Wilson and put Dynamo 3-1 ahead in the 63rd minute.

NSW were using Alagich to advantage, as Grebnev was allowing him plenty of room.

Avrutski scored the goal of the match in the 66th minute.

Brilliantly shielding the ball with his body, he "slow-motioned" through two closely marking NSW defenders, before firing in an unstoppable ground shot.

Dynamo 4 NSW 1.

After 75 minutes Vladimir Larin broke through the centre.

Kelly palmed the ball, but miserably failed to turn it around the posts and it was 5-1 for the visitors.

OPPORTUNIST

Armytage had a goal in for NSW to pull back the score in the 80th minute.

The diminutive winger was again in an opportunist position, and gave Pilguy no chance.

In spite of their efforts,

it was clear that NSW were unbalanced by the loss of Richards and Baartz, and no amount of work could span the difference between the under-strength NSW team and the magnificently built Russian athletes.

With three minutes to go NSW were unlucky when an indirect freekick was awarded by referee Peter Rampley for obstruction inside the Moscow box.

Danny McKinnon accepted a pass and shot high.

Right on the fulltime whistle Joe Alagich was in the open and drove superbly into the far top side of the net to make NSW's defeat more respectable.

NSW: Kelly, Marnoch, Curran, Rudic, Wilson, Watkiss, Blues, Richards (McKinnon), Tolson, Baartz (Alagich), Armytage.

Dynamo: Pilguy, Basalayev, Grebnev, Zhaykov, Dolbonosov, Anichkin, Piskunov (Larin), Semin, Avrutski, Utkin, Makhovikov (Kozlov).

Scorers: Utkin 37 min., Kozlov 55 min., Semin 63 min., Avrutski 66 min., Larin 75 min. for Dynamo; Armytage 12 and 80 mins., Alagich 90 min. for NSW. Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 14,467.

PLAYERS' PERFORMANCES

Too many stoppers spoil the broth

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The choice of three stoppers — Wilson, Marnoch and Rudic — against Dynamo instead of strengthening the NSW defence contributed to its abnormal shakiness.

The hesitancy of the rear-guard and the lack of a mid-field "general" were the deciding factors in the worst hammering suffered by a NSW defence since the 5-0 inflicted by Chelsea in 1965.

There were few redeeming features in NSW's play against the fluent Russians.

This is how I rated last Sunday's performers:

NSW

ROSS KELLY made two superb first half saves, but had an unhappy second half, capped by the unforgivable blunder which brought up Dynamo's final goal. Still has a long way to go before becoming representative material.

ALLAN MARNOCHE, out of his usual position in the middle of the defence, could not quite make up his mind about his role, and although he was far from the worst defender, he was a pale replica of his once dominant self.

COL CURRAN in his first match for NSW started brilliantly, but his always suspect condition ran out in the second half when Larin turned him inside out.

IVO RUDIC, also playing out of position, didn't have the representative debut one had the right to expect from this classy defender. He, too,

was ill at ease in a strange role.

PETER WILSON was the pick of the feeble NSW defence and showed glimpses of the form which made him Australia's top player on last year's world tour. His heading was impeccable, but feeling the strain towards the end, he too faltered somewhat.

JOHN WATKISS, NSW's captain for the day, had an active first half, but literally died on his feet after the interval when he was unable to hold the midfield.

GEORGE BLUES was a far cry from the match-winning forward who steered APLA into the Ampol Cup semifinals. Apart from a few penetrative first half runs, he contributed little in the way of collective play.

RAY RICHARDS, who was replaced at half-time, was a busy midfielder and responsible for the first NSW goal which was scored from a rebound off his shot.

DANNY MCKINNON, Richards' substitute, may have clinched a berth for his week's match. He tried hard and made a few useful openings.

MAX TOLSON had his best game for NSW although he enjoyed no luck. His proings and roaming created problems to the Russians but

his height wasn't used to good advantage in front of goal.

RAY BAARTZ is sadly out of touch and was rarely seen when he was on the field in the first half. His replacement, JOE ALAGICH, was much more prominent.

Apart from his speed, he scored a lovely goal.

LARRY ARMYTAGE was the best NSW player. Notwithstanding his two goals, the Prague winger used the open spaces intelligently and wasn't scared to mix it despite his physical disadvantage. Unfortunately, he didn't see enough of the ball.

DYNAMO MOSCOW

Dynamo Moscow, a polished, accomplished team with no weaknesses, except in goal where PILGUY is no Yashin, were well served by most of their players.

Particularly outstanding were UTKIN, ZHYKOV, SEMIN and the two second half replacements, KOZLOV and LARIN.

Their backing-up was first rate and their forwards exploited every chance afforded them by the blundering NSW defenders.

Referee PETER RAMPLEY let play run freely and was unobtrusive as a good referee should be.

New Caledonians beat Sutherland

The visiting New Caledonian team, JSYDT, downed Second Division Sutherland 2-1 in a fast, entertaining game at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, last Saturday.

With three New Caledonian internationals in the side, the visitors played some dazzling football to offset their slight physical disadvantage.

Team captain and centre-half Delmas and fullback Mendin played against the Australian team last October, but since then left fullback A. Bonebig has also been capped for New Caledonia.

The visitors displayed some accurate short-passing and lightning speed, particularly on the wings.

However, against Sutherland they were confronted with some determined tackling which at times seemed to demoralise them.

Marshalled by coach Mike Johnson, who played a midfield role, Sutherland, although lacking the individual skills of their opponents, had enough chances to pull the game out of the fire.

First goal of the match was scored by right-winger Saminadin when in the 17th minute he pounced on a pass by Courtois to beat Buchan with a low shot.

This lead was short-lived as only three minutes later the persistent Greg Woods broke through to equalise with a superb header from a cross by Bennett.

Only minutes later Mike Johnson's shot from close range had the JSYDT keeper well beaten, but fullback Mendin raced in to clear off the goal line.

Both sides strived hard for the winning goal, and both had some very close misses, but inside-forward Joseph broke through after a defensive lapse and lobbed the ball over the head of the advancing Buchan into the net.

— Charles Spiteri

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AMPOL CUP 1971

MARCONI v. ST. GEORGE 4-2

OH, WHAT A DEFENCE...

Marconi qualified for the semifinals with ridiculous ease, demolishing the inept Saints with three goals in a mid-first half scoring burst.

Marconi were good value for their win and always had their opponents' measure although it was St. George that scored first through Adrian Alston in the eighth minute.

The St. George defence made such elementary mistakes and was so shaky throughout that it is highly unlikely the team would have won even if a semifinal berth had been at stake for the Asia-bound tourists.

good enough and that their defence needs massive reinforcements if they don't want to court disaster in this year's championship.

St. George, in contrast to Marconi, have played without a semblance of method this year and they need a sharp improvement if they are to represent Australia adequately in Japan.

Full credit to Marconi, however, who took the field with a single purpose, and achieved their aims impressively, although with the exception of Richards and Cudek, none of their players really rose to any great individual heights.

It was disciplined teamwork, especially in defence and in midfield, which gave Marconi the initiative they never relinquished after Cudek's 14th minute equaliser.

Saints' pathetic display left a bitter taste in the mouth and won them no friends.

Although it's easy to be wise after the event, it now appears obvious they should never have been allowed to take part in the Ampol Cup just to make up the numbers if their intention was to treat the series as a mere warm-up for their Asian games.

St. George-Budapest: Taylor 2, Sandell 3, Morgan 2, Schaefer 3, Williams 3 (replaced by Anderson 53 min.), Harris 3, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 2, Warren 3, Alston 3, Denton 2. Total: 29.

Marconi: Murray 3, Robinson 3, Curran 3, Richards 4, Taylor 3, Scheindling 3, Dayanevits 3, Cudek 4.

APIA v. Prague 3-0

Cake-walk

The runaway Group "B" winners triumphed in a cake-walk against injury-hit opponents.

Already without their feared striker Gary Manuel, Prague suffered another blow with Blacker's early retirement, and all through the match their players fell victim to some vigorous APIA tactics.

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Santorio 3, Bon 3, Griffiths 3. Total: 35.
Scorers: Cudek 14 and 23 mins., Santorio 19 min., Richards 43 min. (penalty) for Marconi, Alston 8 min., Warren 65 min. for St. George-Budapest.

Referee: P. Rampley.
Crowd: 2,442 (double-header).

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Apart from Rootsey hitting the post in the 13th minute, Prague had no other scoring chances.

They only had one forward or midfielder to speak of — Jim Rooney, whose talents were again wasted.

APIA didn't have to work particularly hard for their runaway win.

The goals by Forster and Campbell were also the result of poor defence by Prague rather than any concerted team-effort or brilliant individual effort.

It doesn't say much for Prague, no matter how buffeted their players were, that APIA never had to raise a sweat and won as they liked.

Prague's form in the series has deteriorated with every match and there still remains a lot to be done if they are to escape bottom-of-the-table status in 1971.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3, Hughes 3, Russell 4, Campbell 3, Blues 4, Kinross 3, Forster 3, Madrusan 3. Total: 37.

Prague: Tuinman 2, Harcombe 3, Weir 3, Pedersen 3, Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Armytage 3, Blanco 3, Tooma 2 (replaced Blacker 10 min.), Rooney 4, Perry 2. Total: 31.

Scorers: Blues 2 min., Campbell 15 min., Forster 53 min. for APIA.

Referee: N. Campbell.
Crowd: 2,442 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

Ryde v. Marrickville 3-2

Penalty drama

This wasn't a game for the faint-hearted as fortunes continually fluctuated and it wasn't until nine minutes from the end that Ryde clinched their semifinal spot.

Marrickville seemed headed for a shock result which would have put Hakoah in the semis when they grabbed a 2-1 lead after 50 minutes.

Playing like men possessed they withstood a tremendous battering from the Ryde forwards, thanks to some inspired goalkeeping by Angelo Demopoulos.

The score stood at 1-1 at halftime after Alagich had scored in the 5th minute and Peter Mullen, Olympic's new boy from Bankstown, in the 15th minute.

Ryde, however, should have led 2-1 at the break if Zoran Brajkovic hadn't played to the crowd when Ryde were awarded a penalty in the 26th minute after Alagich was brought down by Albert Salerno.

Brajkovic's spottick was parried by Demopoulos into Brajkovic's feet, but the centre-forward inexplicably chose to let Takac score.

The goal was correctly disallowed by referee Frank Sbisa who ruled that Brajkovic was offside, as he was in front of Takac when the ball went into the net.

Brajkovic, whose second penalty just on fulltime was brilliantly saved by Demopoulos, must have been the most relieved man in Sydney after the match as he would have been directly responsible had Ryde missed out on the semis.

Defeat stoked Ryde in the face when Terry Thompson put Olympic ahead in the 50th minute, but the groans of the Ryde supporters

turned to cheers when they scored twice through Takac and Alagich in the space of three minutes.

The third goal, a typical Alagich effort, was doubly valuable, as it also allowed Ryde to finish on top of their group and avoid APIA in the semifinals.

Ryde alternated the good with the mediocre in this match.

They played some excellent stuff in the opening and in the latter stages, but went through a horror stretch in the first 20 minutes of the second half when their defence was surprisingly lax.

Marrickville, with Demopoulos in dazzling form, were a revelation and those who have already earmarked them for relegation this year may have to revise their opinion.

Ryde: Cankusic 3, Bakarcic 3, Nacinovic 3 (Dickinson 3), Waters 4, I. Rudic 3, F. Rudic 2, Alagich 3, Tekulja 3, Brajkovic 3, Takac 4, Dougan 3. Total: 36.

Marrickville Olympic: Demopoulos 5, Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3, Hardy (sent off 68 min.), Xipolitas 4, Romanos 3, Salerno 3, Mullen 3, Thompson 3, Kerklaan 3, Massi 3 (replaced Bamforth 33 min., who had replaced Lowry in the 5th min.). Total: 35.

Scorers: Alagich 5 and 61 mins., Takac 58 min. for Ryde; Mullen 15 min., Thompson 50 min. for Marrickville Olympic.

Referee: F. Sbisa.
Crowd: 3,012 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

West v. Hakoah 0-0

Willie's return

Greatly improved second half form enabled Western Suburbs to share the points and qualify for the semifinals.

The First Division "babes" started off nervously and for a while it seemed as though the reshuffled Hakoah would clinch their berth in the semis at their expense.

Willie Rutherford, making a surprise comeback in the Hakoah attack, was playing havoc with the Western Suburbs defence.

Young Johnny Hargreaves couldn't hold the elusive Willie whose well-directed crosses always spelt danger, and could have brought at least one goal before halftime had his partners shown any sort of form.

Since Silva was the only Brazilian in Hakoah's forward-line last Wednesday week, the causes for their failing in attack obviously lie elsewhere and it seems futile to use the Brazilians as scapegoats, whatever certain sections of the Press may write.

Hakoah's defence, which has only conceded one goal in five cup matches, was its usual solid self, but was in some trouble in the second half when Wests came out of their defensive shell.

Wests, actually, were on top in the last 20 minutes when Turner and Spiekerman came very close to scoring.

Hakoah's game fell to pieces towards the end, and they lacked conviction when they realised that the task of scoring that vital goal was beyond their lacklustre forwards.

The match was not particularly entertaining despite the importance of the outcome.

Hakoah have serious problems in attack to resolve, while Western Suburbs seem to have lost the razor-sharp keenness and fluency of earlier rounds.

Western Suburbs: Kelly 4, Van Biek 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Pont 2, Guiden 3, Turner 4, Spiekerman 2, Hindmarsh 2. Total: 35.

Hakoah: Fuzes 4, Davey 3, Hillson 3, Watkins 4, Marnoch 4, Walsh 4, Rutherford 5, McAvland 2 (replaced by Latt 40 min.), Keddie 2, Baartz 2, Silva 2. Total: 35.

Referee: W. Novelli.
Crowd: 3,012 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

South Coast v. South Sydney 2-1

ENTERTAINING FINALE

Although there was nothing at stake for either team, South Coast and South Sydney served up a most entertaining game.

Right from the kick-off the play fluctuated from one end to the other, with South Coast slightly on top in the first half.

Max Tolson had his best game of the season.

Always dangerous in the air, he also sent his forwards away several times with well-timed passes.

The better team in the second half, Souths were unlucky not to draw when John Doyle hit the post twice in as many minutes.

Although no goals were scored in the second half, this period produced the best soccer of the match.

The result here was quite immaterial, but both teams showed they had grounds for optimism once the championship gets under way.

Neither will perform half as poorly as some have predicted on the strength of their earlier Cup displays.

To sum up the match: an unexpectedly pleasing finale at Woonona which both teams used intelligently as a trial for the premiership.

South Coast: Ramage 3, Tuckerman 3, Cuthbert 5.

South Sydney: Corry 3, Ashurst 3, Carr 4, Ross 3, Shepherd 4, Wright 4, Taylor 5, Thomson 3 (Irati 3), Doyle 4, Harris 3, Reynolds 3. Total: 39.

Scorers: Tolson 19 min., Dunlop 28 min. (penalty) for South Coast; Reynolds 26 min. for South Sydney.

Referee: K. Lockrey.
Crowd: 1,445.

—PETER SCHUMACHER

PAN HELLENIC v. AUBURN 0-0

A DREARY SPECTACLE

With both teams out of semifinal calculations and the pressure off, one would have expected a good match, but instead it turned out to be one of the poorest matches in the Ampol Cup series this season.

Perhaps the only spark in a dull encounter was provided by Auburn goalkeeper Jimmy Williamson who played most of his football in the reserves last year.

Early in the second half he brought off three consecutive saves that woke the small band of yawning spectators.

Auburn, however, lacked method in their play and it was pretty obvious that if they played all night they

would have never scored a goal as their attacks broke down time and again long before they could be effective.

Pan Hellenic showed some skills in midfield early in the first half, but lacked accuracy and drive in attack.

The wisdom of playing Brian Smith — a proven effective striker — on the wing might have to be reconsidered as he left too big a gap down the middle.

Peter Clarke, the former Bankstown winger was unsettled in his first full game for Pan Hellenic, but given time this young striker should give a good account of himself this season.

Former Ancliffle Scots centre-forward Derek Sides was the best of a poor lot of Auburn forwards and forced Tony Maglis to make the only daring save of the match.

Auburn: Williamson 4,

Hawkins 3, Newell 2 (McGrath), Craggs 4, Strachan 3, Di Santi 3, Edwards 3 (Lambert), McDonald 2, Sidney 3, Simpson 2, Hoggar 3. Total: 32.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis 4, Henson 3, Hignett 3, Barbour 2, Xipolitas 3 (McDermott), Wetton 4, Smith 2, Thorne 2, McCulloch 3, Harding 3, Clarke 3. Total: 32.

Referee: A. Boskovic.
Crowd: 800.

— CHARLES SPITERI



GEOFF MORGAN

We don't subscribe to the theory that St. George "didn't try".
The simple truth was that they were just not

BEST GETTING TOO BIG FOR HIS BOOTS?

He's the best of both worlds, the football world and the world of the young jet-set mods. And he has no intention of stopping either world to get off.

He is an enigma with more variations than Sir Edward Elgar ever thought of. A footballer with consummate skill and complete confidence who was yet able to provoke one of his team-mates into saying after Manchester United had shocked Chelsea by winning 2-1 at Stamford Bridge: "The reason we went so well today was that George wasn't there hogging the ball. We all got a chance to play with it."

A quiet, modest young man of 24 when he is with his own Irish folk in a fish and chip shop in his native Belfast and a boorish querulous lout when involved in a disturbance on the steps of a Manchester nightclub or telling a reporter that he is asking for a broken nose.

He is so mixed-up a character that he can reverse Sir Matt Busby for years, and then publicly kick in the teeth the man of whom he subsequently said is one of the only four true friends he's got... the man after whom his young brother, Ian Busby Best, was named.

And cause Irish skipper Terry Neill, the highly-respected player-manager of Hull, to say: "I could strangle all the people who have a go at him. The pressures that are on him are terrible. People invade his privacy, maul him and give him no breathing space."

"What people don't realise is that he is shy and bashful. You couldn't meet a nicer bloke. Don't forget it was the public who created the image."

But George himself has helped. What other professional footballer has...

PICKED UP pay packets worth more than £100 a week at the tender earning age of 18?

OPENED his first boutique at the age of 19 and said: "I want to have £60,000 in the bank before I'm 25..." and, a few months short of his 25th birthday (next May 22), built a £36,000 house and had his boutique business (George Best Enterprises Ltd.) taken over on very advantageous terms?

HEART-STOPPERS

AND EARNS, from multifarious sources including male modelling, £ for B and George Best, television commercials, hair sprays, after shave, talc, chewing gum, football boots, track suits, soccer slippers, fashion shoes, a best-selling (forgive the pun) football annual, a syndicated soccer instructional strip, and plus more than £10,000 a year less fines from Manchester United, a just-launched £1-a-head fan club, something like four times as much as the Prime Minister.

All a lot of lovely money. And quite in keeping with George's oft-repeated ambi-

tions in the millionaire field.

But the men behind Best are worried. His conduct and growing notoriety are not now adding up to the wholesome image they want. They look at what has happened to The Beatles and impress upon George that he must keep out of trouble. It might be easier to make rain go upwards.

George is no fool. There is a shrewd head on those young shoulders. He tells himself, each time, "Never again".

But now even those close to him, like Hugh McFarlane, the man who discovered him, says: "He needs guidance. He needs to be channelled in the right way, but he is still very shy," can hardly believe he means it.

Shy is hardly the description the jet-set members of the other life of George Best would use. Like ex-girl friends Jennifer Lowe, former Miss United Kingdom, model Pamela Ewart, scriptwriter Jackie Glass and Danish Eva Haraldstad whose brush with the Best scene won her a lot of heartache and £500 breach of promise compensation.

Says Jackie: "He says exactly what he wants to people he doesn't know, but is less frank to those close to him."

Which is not in quite the same vein as current heart-throb Sinead Cusack's: "It might be better if people left him alone — for about a year or so."



George Best as Australian fans saw him in 1967.

Left him alone, perhaps, so that George could continue the many works of charity which made his great friend, Manchester bookmaker Selwyn Denmy, say: "There is no other side of George Best, there is only one side, the good side."

Left alone to continue a series of hospital visits. He never refuses one, and kept the team coach waiting after scoring his six goals at Northampton while he chatted to a young fan in a wheelchair.

Left alone Perhaps that's the trouble. George Best is a loner who just can't bear to be alone.

He complains of being pestered, but he just can't

bring himself to walk down to the dark discreet end of a station platform. He complains of the limelight, but loves the bright lights.

George can't win the battle of adulation. He enjoys it, and is quite incapable of life in a quiet corner.

LEFT ALONE

The George Best the public see is too big for those football boots. But he has been driven to it. Sinead Cusack is so right when she says that he should be left alone for a year. But that would cost George Best money.

George jumped on the merry-go-round. And it's a

lot more difficult to jump off.

But he would help himself so much more if he allowed the modesty which charms the folk at home to be seen more often by the public... the modesty with which he accepted the Footballer of the Year trophy a few seasons ago.

George should show us more often the side of Best which still pays the rent of a room at the home of his former landlady, Mrs. Mary Fullaway, to make sure that she doesn't have to work again.

— from GOAL magazine, London.

NSW FIRST DIVISION COMPETITION DRAW

ROUND 1 — March 20/21

Pan Hellenic v. South Sydney SATURDAY
APIA v. Prague SATURDAY
South Coast v. Auburn SUNDAY
Ryde v. St. George WEDNESDAY 24/3
Marconi v. Wests SUNDAY
Marrickville v. Hakoah SUNDAY

ROUND 2 — March 27/28

Prague v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
South Sydney v. Marrickville Olympic SUNDAY
Auburn v. APIA SUNDAY
St. George v. South Coast SATURDAY
Wests v. Ryde SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Marconi SUNDAY

ROUND 3 — April 3/4

Pan Hellenic v. Auburn SATURDAY
South Sydney v. Prague SATURDAY
APIA v. St. George-Budapest SUNDAY
South Coast v. Wests SUNDAY
Ryde v. Hakoah SUNDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. Marconi SUNDAY

ROUND 4 — April 10/11

St. George-Budapest v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
Auburn v. South Sydney SATURDAY
Prague v. Marrickville Olympic SUNDAY
Marconi v. Ryde SUNDAY
Wests v. APIA SUNDAY
Hakoah v. South Coast SATURDAY

ROUND 5 — April 17/18

Pan Hellenic v. Wests SUNDAY
South Sydney v. St. George-Budapest SUNDAY
Prague v. Auburn SATURDAY
APIA v. Hakoah SUNDAY
South Coast v. Marconi SUNDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. Ryde SATURDAY

ROUND 6 — April 24/25

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
Wests v. South Sydney SUNDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Prague SATURDAY
Auburn v. Marrickville Olympic SUNDAY
Marconi v. APIA SUNDAY
Ryde v. South Coast SATURDAY

ROUND 7 — May 1/2

Pan Hellenic v. Marconi SUNDAY
South Sydney v. Hakoah SUNDAY
Prague v. Wests SATURDAY
Auburn v. St. George-Budapest SUNDAY
APIA v. Ryde SUNDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. South Coast SATURDAY

ROUND 8 — May 8/9

Ryde v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
Marconi v. South Sydney SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Prague SATURDAY
Wests v. Auburn SATURDAY
St. George v. Marrickville Olympic SUNDAY
South Coast v. APIA SUNDAY

ROUND 9 — May 15/16

Pan Hellenic v. South Coast SATURDAY
South Sydney v. Ryde SATURDAY
Prague v. Marconi SATURDAY
Auburn v. Hakoah SATURDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Wests SATURDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. APIA SATURDAY

ROUND 10 — May 22/23

APIA v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
South Coast v. South Sydney SUNDAY
Ryde v. Prague SATURDAY
Marconi v. Auburn SATURDAY
Hakoah v. St. George-Budapest SATURDAY
Wests v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 11 — June 5/6

Pan Hellenic v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY
South Sydney v. APIA SATURDAY
Prague v. South Coast SATURDAY
Auburn v. Ryde SATURDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Marconi SATURDAY
Wests v. Hakoah SATURDAY

ROUND 12 — June 19/20

South Sydney v. Pan Hellenic SATURDAY
Prague v. APIA SATURDAY
Auburn v. South Coast SATURDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Ryde SATURDAY
Wests v. Marconi SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 13 — June 26/27

Pan Hellenic v. Prague SATURDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. South Sydney SATURDAY
Auburn v. Auburn SATURDAY
South Coast v. St. George-Budapest SATURDAY
Ryde v. Wests SATURDAY
Marconi v. Hakoah SATURDAY

ROUND 14 — July 3/4

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic SATURDAY
Prague v. South Sydney SATURDAY
St. George v. APIA SATURDAY
Wests v. South Coast SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Ryde SATURDAY
Marconi v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 15 — July 10/11

Pan Hellenic v. St. George-Budapest SUNDAY
South Sydney v. Auburn SUNDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. Prague SATURDAY
Ryde v. Marconi SATURDAY
APIA v. Wests SATURDAY
South Coast v. Hakoah SATURDAY

ROUND 16 — July 18

Wests v. Pan Hellenic SUNDAY
St. George-Budapest v. South Sydney SUNDAY
Auburn v. Prague SATURDAY
Hakoah v. APIA SATURDAY
Marconi v. South Coast SATURDAY
Ryde v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 17 — July 24/25

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah SATURDAY
South Sydney v. Wests SATURDAY
Prague v. St. George-Budapest SATURDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. Auburn SATURDAY
APIA v. Marconi SATURDAY
South Coast v. Ryde SATURDAY

ROUND 18 — July 31/August 1

Marconi v. Pan Hellenic SATURDAY
Hakoah v. South Sydney SATURDAY
Wests v. Prague SATURDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Auburn SATURDAY
Ryde v. APIA SATURDAY
South Coast v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 19 — August 8

Pan Hellenic v. Ryde SATURDAY
South Sydney v. Marconi SATURDAY
Prague v. Hakoah SATURDAY
Auburn v. Wests SATURDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. St. George SATURDAY
APIA v. South Coast SATURDAY

ROUND 20 — August 14/15

South Coast v. Pan Hellenic SATURDAY
Ryde v. South Sydney SATURDAY
Marconi v. Prague SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Auburn SATURDAY
Wests v. St. George-Budapest SATURDAY
APIA v. Marrickville Olympic SATURDAY

ROUND 21 — August 21/22

Pan Hellenic v. APIA SATURDAY
South Sydney v. South Coast SATURDAY
Prague v. Ryde SATURDAY
Auburn v. Marconi SATURDAY
St. George-Budapest v. Hakoah SATURDAY
Marrickville Olympic v. Wests SATURDAY

ROUND 22 — August 29

Marrickville Olympic v. Pan Hellenic SATURDAY
APIA v. South Sydney SATURDAY
South Coast v. Prague SATURDAY
Ryde v. Auburn SATURDAY
Marconi v. St. George-Budapest SATURDAY
Hakoah v. Wests SATURDAY

TRAVEL-WEARY SAINTS IN EASY 6-1 VICTORY

— From PAUL DEAN in Hong Kong —

Despite 19 hours of non-stop travel, St. George-Budapest were untroubled to thrash a combined Macao XI 6-1 in the first match of their Asian tour last Sunday.

Saints, understandably weary, played poorly in the first half when they were held to a 1-1 draw by the amateurish Macanese, who as against Australia last October, fielded a mixed team of Chinese players and Portuguese servicemen.

Saints opened the scoring in the 27th minute when Denton headed in a good pass by John Warren, but three minutes later Rudolfo equalised for the locals after a big mix-up in the St. George goalmouth.

Sixteen minutes into the second half Saints were lucky not to be one goal down.

Manfred Schaefer clearly handled the ball, but the referee, astonishingly, chose to turn a blind eye on a most blatant hand ball.

St. George took the lead in the 68th minute when Harry Williams volleyed home a 15-yard goal.

When Mike Denton took the score to 3-1 with a solo run three minutes later it was all over bar the shouting for Macao, who folded like a pack of cards.

Saints made it 4-1 in the 74th minute, and Williams was again the scorer.

Williams was on the spot to push in a shot from Alston, from a neat pass by Abonyi, which goalkeeper Souza could only parry into the attacking fullback's feet.

In the 78th minute it was Abonyi's turn to score: off a rebound from a hard shot by Denton.

Almost on fulltime, Denton notched his third goal from a brilliantly taken corner by John Warren.

Sandell, Williams, Abonyi and Denton were the pick of a St. George team which played well after the interval.

The whole team played better in the second half than at any stage of the Sydney Ampel Cup, but will have to confirm this against better opposition because the Macao side is no accurate yardstick to Saints' current form.

Sandell played magnificently at stopper and Schaefer adopted a midfield role which strengthened the defence.

Anderson also had a good game when he came in in the second half.



Mike Denton, already top scorer with three goals in Macao.

The match attracted 3,000 spectators, compared to the 5,000-crowd which saw the national team play midweek, four months ago.

Macao officials expect to break even on Saints' lighting visit.

This was the St. George-Budapest line-up: Taylor, Utjesenovic, Harris, Sandell, Schaefer, Williams, Campbell (Anderson), Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Alston (Herron), Denton.

10,000 expected tonight

Officials from the Jardine club expect 10,000 spectators to watch the game tonight (Wednesday) between their team and St. George-Budapest at Hong Kong's Government Stadium.

Although Jardine are reported to be in indifferent form despite a 3-1 win against Eastern in a competition match last Sunday, coach Zvonimir Rasic still has a healthy respect for them.

Rasic recalls that last year the Australian team had to play at its peak to beat the nippy Chinese 3-0.

Jardine are now disputing the Hong Kong championship lead with Rangers, but against Saints they will be without their star forward who has been suspended for six weeks.

St. George will have to play much better than in the first half against Macao to hold the speedy Chinese forwards, and a lot will depend on how well their defence performs.

St. George-Budapest's likely line-up is: Taylor, Utjesenovic, Sandell, Schaefer, Williams, Harris, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Alston, Denton.

This looks like developing into their best team, and unless tonight's result is catastrophic this is probably how

they will line-up on Sunday against Japan "A" at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium in the first match of the four-team international tournament which also includes Japan "B" and the Danish First Division team, Frem.

Sunday's match against the full Japanese team is the one Saints would dearly love to win — even if they don't win another of their four other games afterwards in Japan.

WONG'S VISIT

At a Press reception in their honor last Monday night, the St. George party was delighted to meet up again with Johnny Wong, the former Polonia and APIA star forward.

Wong, who now works in Hong Kong for the British Trade Commission, came to enquire about Johnny Galambos, one of his best friends during his years in Australia.

He was shocked to hear of his death last October and extends his sympathy to Johnny's widow, whom he never met.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

South Melbourne-Hellas, winners of the Ampel Cup for the past two years, have two big obstacles to overcome before completing a hat-trick of wins in the competition. The first hurdle faces them this Friday night when they tackle Croatia in the second semifinal at Olympic Park.

In last week's semifinal match JUST 5 (Zoraja 2, Velickovic, Stankovic, Zivkovic) defeated Polonia 0.

Well-informed reports suggest that Ian Livingstone, the former Slavia captain-coach and defender who moved to Prahran last year, will transfer to Lions.

As I predicted some weeks ago Hugh Murney has rejoined Hakoah from Lions. Derek Panther and Barry Samson, of Hakoah, moved to Lions in the exchange deal for Murney.

A complete XI of new signings from the UK are set to join Box Hill soon. Most of the players have been playing with non-league sides in the south of England and are in the 17-23 age category.

Ian McCarthy, the talented midfield player of Lions, is still anxious to move to new quarters, and his performance against George Cross must have impressed any club officials watching the game.

Joe Rajher, the Croatia forward who has been out of action through suspension which expires this week, will be keeping his fingers crossed so that his side can beat Hellas and make the final against JUST. For Rajher would be available for selection for the final.

Tony Baggio, who was the coach of Juventus last year and is now assistant coach to Ken Kontra in the Victorian State side, could take over as coach with a State League side soon.

— JIM COOK

"Moscow circus" angers Adelaide

A stunning 6-0 win against South Australia last Wednesday week and a shock 0-0 draw with Victoria last Saturday, that was Dynamo Moscow's record before they met NSW last Sunday.

The Adelaide fans were astonished that the Russians were allowed to make six substitutions.

Dynamo led 1-0 at half-time and a repetition of last year's 3-1 scoreline appeared the likely outcome.

During the second half, however, Dynamo coach, Konstantin Beskov, emulated an American gridiron coach by changing over half of his players.

SA had only three reserves on their bench and were demoralised by the startling succession of fresh players racing onto the field.

The situation would have been even more farcical, but for referee Don Campbell, who refused to allow

Dynamo an attempted seventh substitute.

When the "Moscow Circus" act was at its height, Campbell halted play to count the number of Dynamo players on the field.

After the game several SA players claimed that one Dynamo player returned to the field wearing a different shirt after having enjoyed a rest.

The Russian goals were scored by Avrutski (3), Kozhemiakin (2) and Zhukov.

— ALLAN CRISP
In Melbourne last Saturday the Victorian defence rose to great height to hold the visitors scoreless.

Australia's top goalkeeper Jack Reilly was in stupendous form.

Crisp shots

Adelaide's soccer "divorce court" has been forced to work overtime because of the bust-up of yet another "marriage".

Port Adelaide and Apollo XI dissolved their partnership two weeks ago and Azzurri and Campbelltown stunned the local fraternity by cancelling their amalgamation last week.

As things stand, Campbelltown will suffer most from the split.

Campbelltown were in Second Division last year, but since the 1971 fixtures have been drawn will have to accept admittance to Third Division.

Little wonder that "Future Amalgamations" has been tabled on the agenda of the next Board meeting.

ASF officials, Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre, were present at the SA Federation Board meeting on February 23.

Elio Marusic will not be able to play for Enfield-Victoria until he serves a club sentence imposed by Beograd. The suspension involves a financial matter between the SA fullback and Beograd.

Broken Hill City has applied for a Rothman's Sports Foundation grant of \$200. ALLAN CRISP

ARTARMON HOPING FOR MIDDLE CLASS STATUS

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

There will only be a few new faces in the Artarmon-Ku-ring-gai line-up this season, but the club is still expected to be a stronger opposition than in the last two years.

Former Pan Hellenic and State player John Cole, who has been re-appointed coach for the third year, said this week that he was aiming to finish up somewhere near the halfway mark of the table.

The club has lost a few talented youngsters, but probably its greatest loss could prove to be goalkeeper Dave Barton, who was transferred to work in the country.

Barton had an excellent season in 1970 and his departure leaves a gap in the Artarmon defence.

However, his replacement Paul Lamb is doing extremely well in training and the gap may not be as serious as first anticipated.

In addition, an Irish lad who played goalkeeper with Northern Ireland non-league clubs is also in training with the club, but as yet is an unknown quantity.

Other new faces that could make the grade include Englishman Dennis Liddell, who played non-league football before he migrated to Sydney and 19-year-old Paul Henry, a promising young fullback from Corinthians.

However, hopes of Artarmon doing better this year are basically pinned on last season's players like Mal McGuinness and Gerry Harding in midfield and Jimmy Morgan, Andy McAlpine and Terry Williams in the attack.

It is very likely that Rudi Mula, who has played most

of his career as a forward, will be switched to the centre-half position where in recent trials he has been rather impressive.

The club is understood to have bought premises in Gordon for its proposed licensed club, but it is still negotiating with the various authorities to bring this plan to fruition.

HOME GROUND

More than half of the team's home games are earmarked for a ground in the St. Ives District where the club attracts more supporters to the game with the remainder to be played at Artarmon Reserve.

The club is aware of the potential of youngsters in the Ku-ring-gai District, and to encourage and to assist the development of talent it has appointed Dave Wardell as assistant-coach.

Wardell had valuable coaching experience with Marconi and Prague in recent years.

The club committee for 1971 is: president, Don Allen, vice-president, Norman Brooks, junior vice-president, R. Williams, secretary, W. Orr, treasurer, C. Kemmis, members: B. Freestone, S. Pitt, R. Woods, B. Anderson, W. Boyd, S. Werhl, C. Parsons and Mrs. Woods.

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AMPOL CUP SEMIS

Marconi v. Ryde 3-2

"C'EST SI BON..." "Victorians" strike again

No matter how controversial Rino Bon's last-minute goal was last Wednesday, it would have been a travesty of sporting justice had Marconi not won this thrilling semifinal.

Apart from a 15-minute spell in the first half Marconi always held the upper hand and they were terribly unlucky to be down 0-2 at halftime.

Lesser teams would have folded up, but Marconi refused to be disheartened and, undaunted, set out to bridge the gap.

They had to wait until the 49th minute to score their first goal when Scheinflug cleverly lobbed a freekick under the bar, but two minutes later they were on level terms through Santoro.

With the Ryde defence at sizes and sevens, Marconi's winning goal seemed imminent, but Ryde held out to force extra time.

Ryde played much better in extra-time when both teams had roughly the same number of chances, Ryde actually putting the ball in the net in the second minute only to have Alagich's goal disallowed for dangerous play.

Just when another two five minute periods of extra-time seemed certain Marconi scored the winning goal — and all hell let loose.

Marconi were awarded a freekick after Dickinson had fouled Richards.

Bon took the kick immediately, the ball hit an upright

and ricocheted over the line. The Ryde players went berserk claiming Boskovic was still administering Dickinson when the goal was scored, and that the ball wasn't "dead" when Bon took his kick.



TONY BOSKOVIC

Boskovic, however, claims he had signalled Bon to take the kick, and as the laws of the game state that freekicks can be taken immediately, the goal was apparently valid.

No matter how heartbroken they were, there is no excuse for the behavior of certain

Ryde players, who incited their supporters to violence.

As for those so-called "soccer lovers" who disgraced themselves after the match, they conveniently picked on the referee as a scapegoat instead of venting their disappointment on their own players, who squandered a certain victory.

Rino Bon, the Italian forward, was the star of the match and showed that he will be a big capture, after all, and possibly one of the best Continental "imports" for some time.

Marconi: Murray 3, Robertson 4, Teller 4, Richards 4, Curran 4, Scheinflug 4, Danajevits 4, Cudek 3, Santoro 4, Bon 5, Griffiths 3. Total: 42.

Ryde: Cakusic 3, Bakarie 4, P. Rudic 3, Tkulja 3, I. Rudic 4, Dougan 3, Alagich 4, Brajkovic 4, Waters 3, Takac 3 (replaced by Volar 50 min.), Dickinson 4. Total: 38.

Scorers: Scheinflug 49 min., Santoro 51 min., Bon 90 min. for Marconi; Dickinson 18 min., Waters 26 min. for Ryde.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 5,030 (double-header).

— MIKE RENWICK

Western Suburbs v. APIA 2-0

Western Suburbs' valuable Victorian captures, George Kinnell and Wim Spiekerman, scored the goals in their shock, but fully deserved, victory over a listless APIA.

Coch Tommy Dawson was also greatly instrumental in Wests' victory.

Dawson instructed Matt Guldica to "shadow" Stan Forster and the former New Zealander did the job so well that the feared goalgetter didn't get a look in all night.

Deprived of its formidable striker, the APIA attack was seldom seen and goalie Ross Kelly had an easy match.



ARCHIE BLUE

His opposite number, David McQuire, on the other hand, was the busiest man on the field.

McQuire was in excellent form, but was powerless to

prevent George Kinnell opening the score with a well placed freekick in the 47th minute.

Nine minutes later, McQuire was also unable to stop Wim Spiekerman sealing the result for Wests after he had spreadeagled the slow-moving APIA defence with a bullocking run down the middle.

Kinnell and Spiekerman notwithstanding, the star of the match was Archie Blue.

Playing against his former team-mates, the amiable Archie was Wests' midfield inspiration, and how APIA must regret they let this cultured midfielder go last season...

DIRECT FOOTBALL

Western Suburbs were never in any real danger.

APIA only ever looked like scoring in the 25th minute when Hargreaves had to save a shot by McKinnon off his line, and in the dying stages when they did exert some pressure.

Wests, playing simple, direct football stuck to their task manfully, every player doing what was expected of him in an exemplary team effort.



GEORGE KINNELL

Western Suburbs: Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, Blue 5, Hindmarsh 3, Guldica 4, Turner 3, Spiekerman 3, Pont 3. Total: 39.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 3, Ackerley 3, McGilvray 3, Hughes 3, Russell 3, Campbell 3, Blues 3 (replaced by Montgomery 48 min.), McKinnon 3, Forster 2, Madrusan 3. Total: 33.

Scorers: Kinnell 47 min., Spiekerman 56 min.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 5,030 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

NSW SECOND DIVISION COMPETITION DRAW

ROUND 1 — March 20/21

Sutherland v. North Sydney
Manly v. Bankstown
Melita v. Balgownie
Polonia v. Granville
Corinthians v. Artarmon
Guildford v. Concordia

SUNDAY
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ROUND 2 — March 27/28

Bankstown v. Sutherland
North Sydney v. Guildford
Balgownie v. Manly
Granville v. Melita
Artarmon v. Polonia
Concordia v. Corinthians

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ROUND 3 — April 3/4

Sutherland v. Balgownie
North Sydney v. Bankstown
Manly v. Granville
Melita v. Artarmon
Polonia v. Concordia
Guildford v. Corinthians

SUNDAY
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ROUND 4 — April 10/11/12

Granville v. Sutherland
Balgownie v. North Sydney
Bankstown v. Guildford
Corinthians v. Polonia
Artarmon v. Manly
Concordia v. Melita

SUNDAY
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ROUND 5 — April 17/18

Sutherland v. Artarmon
North Sydney v. Granville
Bankstown v. Balgownie
Manly v. Concordia
Melita v. Corinthians
Guildford v. Polonia

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ROUND 6 — April 24/25

Concordia v. Sutherland
Artarmon v. North Sydney
Granville v. Bankstown
Balgownie v. Guildford
Corinthians v. Manly
Polonia v. Melita

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ROUND 7 — May 1/2

Sutherland v. Corinthians
North Sydney v. Concordia
Bankstown v. Artarmon
Balgownie v. Granville
Manly v. Polonia
Guildford v. Melita

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ROUND 8 — May 8/9

Polonia v. Sutherland
Corinthians v. North Sydney
Concordia v. Bankstown
Artarmon v. Balgownie
Granville v. Guildford
Melita v. Manly

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ROUND 9 — May 15/16

Sutherland v. Melita
North Sydney v. Polonia
Bankstown v. Corinthians
Balgownie v. Concordia
Granville v. Artarmon
Guildford v. Manly

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ROUND 10 — May 22/23

Manly v. Sutherland
Melita v. North Sydney
Polonia v. Bankstown
Corinthians v. Balgownie
Concordia v. Granville
Artarmon v. Guildford

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ROUND 11 — June 5/6

Sutherland v. Guildford
North Sydney v. Manly
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Balgownie v. Polonia
Granville v. Corinthians
Artarmon v. Concordia

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ROUND 12 — June 19/20

North Sydney v. Sutherland
Bankstown v. Manly
Balgownie v. Melita
Granville v. Polonia
Artarmon v. Corinthians
Concordia v. Guildford

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ROUND 13 — June 26/27

Sutherland v. Bankstown
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Melita v. Granville
Polonia v. Artarmon
Corinthians v. Concordia

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ROUND 14 — July 3/4

Balgownie v. Sutherland
Bankstown v. North Sydney
Granville v. Manly
Artarmon v. Melita
Concordia v. Polonia
Corinthians v. Guildford

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ROUND 15 — July 10/11

Sutherland v. Granville
North Sydney v. Balgownie
Guildford v. Bankstown
Polonia v. Corinthians
Manly v. Artarmon
Melita v. Concordia

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ROUND 16 — July 18

Artarmon v. Sutherland
Granville v. North Sydney
Balgownie v. Bankstown
Concordia v. Manly
Corinthians v. Melita
Polonia v. Guildford

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ROUND 17 — July 24/25

Sutherland v. Concordia
North Sydney v. Artarmon
Bankstown v. Granville
Guildford v. Balgownie
Manly v. Corinthians
Melita v. Polonia

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ROUND 18 — July 31/August 1

Corinthians v. Sutherland
Concordia v. North Sydney
Artarmon v. Bankstown
Granville v. Balgownie
Polonia v. Manly
Melita v. Guildford

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ROUND 19 — August 7/8

Sutherland v. Polonia
North Sydney v. Corinthians
Bankstown v. Concordia
Balgownie v. Artarmon
Guildford v. Granville
Manly v. Melita

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ROUND 20 — August 14/15

Melita v. Sutherland
Polonia v. North Sydney
Corinthians v. Bankstown
Concordia v. Balgownie
Artarmon v. Granville
Manly v. Guildford

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ROUND 21 — August 21/22

Sutherland v. Manly
North Sydney v. Melita
Bankstown v. Polonia
Balgownie v. Corinthians
Granville v. Concordia
Guildford v. Artarmon

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ROUND 22 — August 29

Guildford v. Sutherland
Manly v. North Sydney
Melita v. Bankstown
Polonia v. Balgownie
Corinthians v. Granville
Concordia v. Artarmon

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JAPAN "A" v. ST. GEORGE 0-0

JAPAN OUTPLAYED AT THE OLYMPIC STADIUM

— From PAUL DEAN in Tokyo —

TOKYO, Monday — St. George-Budapest strongly underlined Australia's case for invitation to the "Little World Cup" in Brazil next year by outplaying the full Japanese national team in their 0-0 draw yesterday.

Those who recall St. George's insipid Ampol Cup form just wouldn't believe how the same team could control most of the game against Japan's strongest team.

I counted nine scoring chances, seven of them in the Aussies' favor.

With an ounce of luck Saints should have won by at least a couple of goals.

With only 10 minutes remaining, the Japanese referee deprived the visitors of a certain goal when he refused to award a blatant penalty against the Japan-

of chances when he shot wide from six yards after accepting a magnificent defence-splitting pass from Mike Denton.

St. George took the initiative early in the match and were almost in when Manfred Schaefer hit the bar with a 30-yard shot in the third minute.

Japan had another lucky escape after 24 minutes when fullback Yamaguchi saved a header by Adrian Alston off the line with 'keeper Yokoyama well beaten.

Japan only had one real chance early in each half, but the Sydneysiders, working the ball up well from the midfield, continually peppered the Japanese goal.

UNCONSCIOUS

In the 79th minute a shot by Denton was saved into corner by Yokoyama, the busiest player on the field, and a minute later a powerful drive by John Warren knocked the Japanese goalie unconscious.

There can be little doubt that in less windy conditions, St. George-Budapest would have won with something to spare.

Their most stylish players, Abonyi and Ainslie, were at sixes and sevens in the gusty wind, where the ball played all sorts of tricks.

Had only one of these two performed near his peak, Saints' attack would have torn Japan apart. Schaefer and Don Sandell were the heroes of a

very fit, very combantant St. George side.

Schaefer, in midfield, not only kept the fast, clever Kimura in check, but also moved up with his attack, distributed perfectly, and drove his team on with astonishing confidence.

Sandell's contribution was also tremendous.

He stuck to the famous Kamamoto like a leech, and beat him both on the ground and in the air with the cleanest possible methods.

It's been some time since I saw Schaefer play better. As for Sandell, this was the best match of his career.

Warren, as always, revelled in the big match atmosphere.

Harris and Williams played better than in Hong Kong, while Dragan Utjesenovic, as the sweeper, gave his best display yet for his new club.

In attack, Denton was the most elusive, but Alston also created havoc with his headers.

FLATTERING

Coach Zvonimir Rasic was very pleased with the team's performance, but considered the result flattering to Japan.

The Japanese manager-coach, Okano, was gloomy after the match, and packed his players into their bus and left the Olympic Stadium minutes after the final whistle.

This was in sharp contrast to St. George, whose players were jubilant, singing bawdy songs in the dressing room.

They were mobbed by young autograph-seeking fans who held up the team's departure back to the Akasaka Prince Hotel for a good half hour.

Details: St. George-Budapest: Taylor, Sandell, Utjesenovic, Williams, Schaefer, Harris, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Alston.

Japan "A": Yokoyama, Yamaguchi, Kikukawa, Ogi, Arayi, Ohno, Mori, Kimura (Kobata), Kamamoto, Yoshimura, Sugiyama.

Crowd: 25,000.

DANES NEXT

In the opening match of the four-team international tournament, Frem, the Danish First Division side, beat Japan "B" 2-0.

The Danes, despite the inclusion of four interna-

tionals, were not impressive, but had some excuses to offer as they only arrived in Tokyo the day before the match.

On Sunday, the tournament will continue with St. George playing against Frem, and the two Japanese teams meeting.

In between, however, Saints will play in Hiroshima, on Thursday, March 11, against Toyo Kogyo, whom they beat 3-0 in Sydney in January.

The Danes, for their part, will play in Yokohama against Mitsubishi, who finished second behind Toyo Kogyo in the 1970 Japanese championship.

The international tournament will conclude on Sunday, March 21 with St. George v. Japan "B" and Frem v. Japan "A".

Saints will also play on Thursday, March 18, at Omiya, against Hitachi FC, the third place-getters in last year's championship.

PIONEER SPIRIT

The St. George-Budapest party is a happy one and there are absolutely no problems with the players, all of whom realise they are in a sense pioneering for future Australian club teams that may tour overseas. The players realise that their behavior and results may determine whether other club sides from Australia are invited to Asia in coming years.

Saints' share of the gate for the Hong Kong match was about \$1,500, not too bad at all considering it rained when they played against Jardines. With better weather, the crowd would certainly have been around the 16,000-mark, instead of 9,600 at the Government Stadium.

Some of the players were already flat broke after four days in Hong Kong. They had to borrow money to buy just about everything they saw in the shops. The touring party has already bought enough to open a modest shop in Sydney! Still prices, in Tokyo, however, has discouraged the constant shop-talk.

— PAUL DEAN

St. George v. Jardines 6-2

Soccer lesson in Hong Kong

— From PAUL DEAN —

Jardines, the pride of Hong Kong soccer fans, were given a formidable lesson in football by a vastly improved St. George-Budapest last Wednesday week.

Showing tremendous spirit and aggression, the Saints quickly took the initiative and, exploiting some mistakes by the Jardines defenders, galloped to a winning 4-0 lead after 20 minutes.

These were amazing goals, really. One could say that St. George scored four times and had only one real chance — which didn't become a goal.

Most other teams would have collapsed under such a crippling blow — but Jardines fought back, as though they didn't know the result.

Gradually, largely through their fine midfielder Chan Hung Ping, they came back into the match which, from then on, was a very even affair.

The crowd didn't help Jardines much — they either gave them the bird or were content to boo St. George for no apparent reason except for humiliating their darlings.

Spectacle

The second half provided the better football spectacle. Jardines, with their backs to the wall, fought like tigers to reduce their huge arrears while St. George had an opportunity to illustrate that their earlier defensive lapses have now largely gone.

However, Jardines never really had a chance. Their defenders, individually all very capable and skilled fellows, like to play around with the ball too much — which then they lose far too often.

This sort of luxury against St. George in full cry had to prove costly.

Alston, Abonyi, Denton and Ainslie kept snatching the ball in midfield — and then exploded into fast, decisive counterattacks.

I have never seen the St. George strikers put in a higher workrate than against Jardines.

All of them kept stretching Jardines' defensive perimeter to its outer limits with penetrating runs; all of them retreated into midfield when the ball was lost.

Rococo-style

This took such a load off the defenders that Jardines' more elaborate, almost rococo-style attacks just had to break down somewhere.

St. George fully deserved their great win which was achieved with their best display of the year.

Taylor was safe and fast, never giving any worrying moments to his defenders.

Harris tackled well though his distribution and specially his crosses after overlapping didn't come off.

Sandell was sound and full of self assurance, dominating his goal area.

Utjesenovic, in the sweeper's role, played well though his Sydney injury still hampered him.

Ainslie was the star midfielder; he played a blinder. His delicate control and swerving runs played a big part in the team's superiority.

Warren is on the improve and getting close to his peak.

Schaefer, in the unusual role of midfielder, was a surprising success; he held an iron grip on the middle and even moved up well with the attacks.

All three strikers deserve nothing but praise. Alston, Denton and Abonyi was perhaps the order between them — but with only marginal difference.

St. George: Taylor, Harris (Campbell 78 min.), Utjesenovic, Sandell, Williams (Anderson 78 min.), Warren, Schaefer, Ainslie, Abonyi, Alston, Denton (Heron 81 min.).

Jardines: Chow Chee Keong, Wong Chun Lit, Lok Tak Fai, Kung Wah Kit, Cheng Yun Yue, Chan Hung Ping, Cheung Yiu Kwok, Cheng Kwok Kan, Ip Fuk Kwong, Wong Man Wai, Lo Hung Hoi (Kwok Tak Sin).

Scorers: Ainslie 7 min., Warren 9 min., Denton 13 min., Abonyi 20 min., Cheung Yiu Kwok 29 min., Alston 59 min., Abonyi 80 min., Wong Man Wai 87 min. (penalty).

Referee: S. Collins (Hong Kong).

Crowd: 9,600.

MINUTE-QUIZ

- Before joining Hakoah, secretary Harry Lak-maker was an official of: (a) Sydney Austral, (b) Prague, (c) Wilhelmina-Melbourne?
- In their first year in First Division South Sydney, then Croatia, finished: (a) 10th, (b) 11th, (c) 7th?
- The name of Perth's Ukrainian-sponsored club is: (a) Macedonia, (b) Cracovia, (c) Kiev?
- The name of the stadium where the 1954 World Cup final was played is: (a) Wankdorf, (b) Sankt Jakob, (c) Pontaise?
- Queensland only had one player in Australia's 1965 World Cup squad: (a) Wilkins, (b) Kelly, (c) Johnston?
- Ryde, then Yugal, won the final of the Australia Cup in 1961. They beat St. George-Budapest, then just plain Budapest: (a) 3-2, (b) 2-0, (c) 8-1?
- Brian Tristram's Brisbane club before joining Prague in 1963 was: (a) Lattrobe, (b) Oxley, (c) Grange-Thistle?
- A Yugoslav club toured Australia in 1950: (a) Partizan Belgrade, (b) Hajduk Split, (c) OFK Belgrade?
- Referee Tony Boskovic was born near: (a) Zagreb, (b) Belgrade, (c) Bratislava?
- Two clubs share Melbourne's Middle Park: (a) Hakoah and JUST, (b) Hellas and Croatia, (c) Hellas and Hakoah?

QUIZ SOLUTION

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ALAN AINSLIE

ese defender who tripped Abonyi in the box.

Almost on fulltime, with Saints in full cry, Alan Ainslie muffed the easiest

YASHIN COULD RETURN SOON!

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The world-renowned Soviet goalkeeper Lev Yashin is almost certain to be back in Australia later this year for a month's coaching assignment with Granville-Parramatta Soccer Club.

Yashin visited Garside Park last Sunday morning at the invitation of coach Deues Adrigan, the Granville-Parramatta Coaching Clinic and the Granville Soccer Club.

He spent more than an hour watching Adrigan and his assistant, Harry Shand,

give a workout to eight of the most talented youngsters in the district.

The youngsters were Alan Maher, Keith Rule, Steve Watson, Peter McAlister, Ian Ball and Tom Brown, from Granville, and John Dunn and Jimmy Williamson, from Auburn.

Commenting after the workout, Yashin said that he was surprised with the standard of our goalkeeping, and was very impressed by the talent of Maher in particular.

He presented every goalie with a pin-up badge of the Moscow Dynamos after the workout.

Yashin said that as he would have more time on his hands in the future, he would accept any invitation to return to coach with pleasure and honor.

The question of when Yashin will be asked to return will now rest with the Granville Supporters' Club, which will soon take control of all the activities of the Granville Soccer Club.

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NSW v. DYNAMO 2-1

SWEET REVENGE FOR COURAGEOUS NSW XI

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A gallant NSW team, weary from a battering by the Dynamos, just managed to hold out for a well deserved 2-1 win last Sunday.

The Sportsground game, allowing for a makeshift NSW team, was a feather in NSW's cap.

First free-kick of the match came when John Watkiss committed a foul charge on Yuri Avrutski.

Seconds later Kozhemakian had Avrutski right in place for a 10-yard shot, but the usually imperturbable Russian softly skied the ball over the bar.

Dynamo were using the ball well, but the laxity of Alagich had caused NSW to lose the chances made from two magnificent passes from Baartz.

No score had come after 10 minutes.

Wim Spiekerman, roaming from wing to wing, was showing that he was aiming to prove his ability in his first run for NSW.

Alexandr Makhovikov made a beautiful dribbling run, which had George Keith tied in a maze of knots, but Semin was offside, and lost the goal.

FREEKICK GOAL

Within a minute Watkiss conceded a free-kick, Yuri Semin beat goalie Reilly, and it was Dynamo 1 NSW 0 after 17 minutes.



PETER WILSON

In the 20th minute Baartz stabbed the ball through and as Alagich went into position, he was deliberately pulled by an opponent just in front of goal.

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Richards took the penalty and drove low, giving Balyasnikov no chance for NSW's equaliser.

The penalty had taken some time to line-up as two Dynamo players remonstrated with referee Boskovic, who was pushed in the chest by Vladimir Shtapov.

Boskovic rightly sent Shtapov off.

Jim Rooney was moving steadily midfield, and one well conceived pass gave Richards the chance to make a bold drive.

There was a sensation in the 30th minute when Joe Alagich was in position just to the left of goal.

His cross curved beautifully to the right, when Keith swept in, and nodded the ball down to goalkeeper Balyasnikov's right.

KEITH'S HEADER

Not expecting the ball there, the unfortunate Russian had to concede a further goal, which had NSW 2-1 ahead.

Dynamo by this time appeared rattled, and referee Boskovic had his finger regularly wagging and his book and pencil in hand.

NSW worked hard up the left, and next thing Wim Spiekerman was on the turf, before hobbling off for attention to an ankle injury.

After 39 minutes Marconi's Allan Griffiths took the field to replace Wim Spiekerman.

As in the first half last week NSW were well in the game, and in this match they were really having the better of their distinguished opponents, and developing moves beautifully in the midfield.

Nikolai Antonevich committed a foul on Alan Griffiths with the ball nowhere near, and received a severe warning from the referee.

DESERVING

Halftime arrived, with NSW the surprise, but deserving leader at 2-1.

Most dangerous man for the visitors was certainly the quicksilver 18-year-old winger, Alexander Makhovikov, who could have achieved more if extra opportunities had have been laid on for him.

George Blues took over from Joe Alagich, and Dynamo made three changes at halftime.

Soon after Dynamo made a further alteration, and Archie Blue took over from Larry Armytage.

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The midfield grafting of JOHN WATKISS, pictured here in APIA's colors, was one of the determining factors which enabled NSW to beat Dynamo Moscow last Sunday.

All this led to a 12-minute period of lesser standard football, but then the full spirit was back again.

Watkiss had Baartz moving, and Griffiths narrowly missed the upright.

Jimmy Rooney earned the plaudits of the crowd by cleverly robbing Baydachny of possession, and setting up an attack.

Seventy minutes had gone, with NSW still ahead 2-1.

Semin worked well midfield, leaving Richards behind, but Kozlov gave Jack Reilly an easy pass, instead of a shot.

MASTERLY

Yuri Semin made a clever opening, but Watkiss, playing a masterly spoiling game, headed to safety.

When Kozlov swung a beautiful corner towards the penalty spot, Jack Reilly captured the ball beautifully, showing the Sydney crowd how he has gained the position of Australia's top 'keeper.

Seven minutes to go and NSW, although not moving so well in the open, were still enjoying their hard contested 2-1 lead.

Allan Griffiths gained a breakaway, and Valery Balyasnikov was full-stretch to pull down the shot.

With four minutes remaining, the pressure was on NSW, but Reilly was utterly safe.

Yuri Semin and Baydachny spearpointed the

Russian attack brilliantly, but somehow the tired NSW defence, aided by the fresh Rudic who replaced Jimmy Rooney, off with cramp, just held their ground.

The ball was back midfield when referee Boskovic blew the final whistle and NSW won against a Dynamo team, which had backed up after a match at Brisbane on Saturday night which they won 10-1.

Amongst the top lights for NSW were the heady midfield men Jimmy Rooney and Ray Richards, John Watkiss, goalie Reilly, Peter Wilson and George Keith.

Top marks too, to referee Tony Boskovic.

Although no one wanted to see a player go off in a match of this nature, Boskovic moved in to control the game in the manner that the laws clearly set out.

NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Watkiss, Wilson, Rooney (Rudic 84 min.), Alagich (Blues), Richards, Griffiths (replaced Spiekerman 39 min.), Baartz, Armytage.

Dynamo Moscow: Balyasnikov, Shtapov (sent off 23 min.), Antonevich, Zykov, Dolbosov, Anichkin, Kozhemakian (Kozlov), Semin, Avrutski (Zhukov), Utkin (Latin 50 min.), Makhovikov (Baydachny).

Scorers: Richards 23 min. (penalty), Keith 30 min. for NSW; Semin 17 min. for Dynamo.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 12,016.

Crisis clubs want to play on Sundays

There is no sign of a halt to the decline in English Football League attendances.

In fact, returns for the first half of the League program show a drop of more than 800,000 compared with the same number of matches played last season.

Unless there is a dramatic swing back in the months ahead, it could mean soccer will have lost much of the increased support won immediately after England's World Cup triumph in 1966.

The drop is exaggerated slightly by the continued growth of support for the League Cup and attendances for the new Texaco Cup, but the extent of the loss is still worrying, particularly as it affects so many clubs.

Fluctuations from season to season are inevitable, as a reflection in the changing fortunes of clubs, but this season, nearly two-thirds of the League's 92 clubs reached the halfway stage with their attendance graph showing an ominous downward trend.

INCREASE

Worst hit have been Second Division clubs.

Between them their gates are down nearly 400,000 on last season, with relegated Sheffield Wednesday contributing more than 25 per cent of that loss.

First Division gates were down by 320,000 and Division Three by more than 200,000.

But Fourth Division clubs have been fighting back, with an increase on the corresponding period last season of 91,000.

Nottingham, up 50,000, and Oldham (43,000) have benefited most, while newcomers Cambridge United completed the first half of their home program with 26,000 fans more than the team they succeeded, Bradford Park Avenue.

Higher up the scale, the happiest clubs in terms of gate returns have been Huddersfield (up 92,000), Hull (88,000), Chelsea (46,000), Blackpool (44,000), Sheffield United (36,000) and Arsenal 30,000.

The drop has been felt in the north, south, east and west, and, apart from Hillsborough, most keenly at Coventry, down 85,000, Newcastle (75,000), and Manchester City (69,000).

CROWD-PULLERS

Even those ace crowd-pullers, Manchester United, no longer showing average gates in excess of 50,000, pulled in 53,000 fewer fans to Old Trafford in their first eleven league matches compared with a year ago.

The reason for the drop in gates is difficult to explain satisfactorily, although Bristol Rovers general manager Bert Tann probably came close to the answer when he said a major problem was the simple one of economics.

"For a husband and wife going to a match these days, there's little change for them from £2, once they've paid everything."

"I suspect that when the club they follow has

more than one home match in a week, many are going to only one match."

Suggestions already mooted to help fill the club's empty coffers include an increase in admission charges (also hinted at by League president Len Shipman recently) and a grading of wages according to divisional status, a move that would be bitterly resisted by the Professional Footballers' Association.

While big city clubs would prefer to avoid any sort of confrontation with players on wages, they are outnumbered in voting power at any annual general meeting. If town and suburban clubs combined they could vote in any prices and wages they chose.

EXPERIMENTS

Crisis clubs are in favor of experimenting with Sunday soccer in a bid to win back some of their stay-away fans.

Last month the League poured cold water over the idea, but haven't put a complete blockage on Sunday soccer.

There are still those who think it is a thing of the future — and the answer to all their problems.

Blackburn manager Johnny Carey, concerned at the 2,000 drop in gates from last season, is strongly in favor of a switch to Sunday soccer.

"I have been advocating this for the past 25 years," he said. "It works on the Continent and in Ireland, so I do not see why it shouldn't work here."

"I am sure Blackburn would increase their gates if we played matches at Ewood Park on Sundays."

Carey's views are supported by Nat Lofthouse, manager of Bolton Wanderers: "I feel Sunday soccer is certainly worth a try," he said.

"There would be many more thousands of people available to watch League soccer and that must help the gates."

Said Blackpool general manager Harry Johnston: "There would obviously be problems to overcome, but overall I feel a switch to Sunday soccer would be a good thing."

"Sunday is an absolutely free day and, with fewer counter-attractions, I feel gates throughout soccer would improve."

Derrick Robins, chairman of Coventry City, is to ask the Football League for permission to play matches on Sunday as an experiment.

Coventry are losing over 6,000 fans a week this season compared to last year — an estimated loss of around £50,000 a year.

So now the club which pioneered Friday night soccer could lead the way to soccer on Sundays.

The public of Lincolnshire have already proved conclusively that they are more than willing to turn out in force to watch sport on Sundays.

—from GOAL Magazine, London.



Amateurs kick-off in NSW State Cup

History is made this weekend, when amateur clubs for the first time open the season in March, and in addition, have the chance to participate in the NSW State Cup competition.

Twelve matches have been set down for this weekend.

Four clubs, Marrickville, Arncliffe Scots, West Sutherland and Kogarah Waratahs have drawn byes.

Eight first round clubs are from the new Third Division, and the balance from the Inter-Suburban League.

One of the most interesting matches is bound to be between Chelsea and West Ryde Rovers at Mackey Park at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

These teams always put on a good exhibition — it's a case of British style man-to-man passing coming up against Australian robustness.

With Dave Goldie at the coaching helm for Chelsea, the Blues have a man who could give them a definite advantage.

If he can get his team using the ball the way he

can, Chelsea will be a real threat in both Cup and League competitions.

Chelsea will be strengthened by the return of Andy Tulloch, who had a season with Concordia.

Warringah favored

The 3 p.m. game at Mackey Park brings a clash between First Division Warringah, who start as favorites, and Second Division Maroubra.

In the Saturday games on the same ground, Enmore's experience should enable them to defeat Fairfield with a couple of goals to spare.

Similarly, North Bankstown should be too experienced for Bondi Marines.

Riverside should be too strong for Concord Park at Mahoney Oval on Sunday.

The Rapids showed their

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

class in a recent 7-2 win over Marrickville.

Not only do they have power in attack, but in defence Marscher looks like having a really good season.

Doller, Gaetano, Brantner, Sokol and Sykora have all been on target.

Thrillers tipped

In the late game at Mahoney Oval, Campbelltown must be firm favorites against Ku-ring-gai, who have never reached a reasonable position in Inter-Suburban football in spite of their big district backing.

Wentworth Waratah and Revsby Workers play at Francis Park at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Either side could take out what promises to be a

thriller, but Wentworth is our pick by the odd goal.

Toongabbie, the former Sydney Amateur League club, decided to try its luck in Inter-Suburban football, and immediately got a chance to upset Queens Park.

If Northern Districts are ever going to win a game they should take out the 3 p.m. Francis Park game.

Northern Districts, formerly Hornsby-North End have only just dropped back from Federation Second Division whereas Nepean was seventh placed in the 1970 Inter-Suburban Third Division.

The winning clubs from this week go on to the preliminary second round to be played on the weekend of March 27-28.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

JUST, beaten finalists in the 1970 Ampol Cup when they lost 3-2 to Juventus after extra-time, have a chance to make amends and will start favorites when they line-up against their age-old rivals, Croatia, in the final of this year's competition at Olympic Park this Friday night.

In last week's semifinal, South Melbourne-Hellas, who looked the better side, forfeited their chance of making it three Ampol Cup wins in a row, when they went down 0-1 to Croatia. Hellas can only blame themselves for their beating. Too many of their "stars" failed to reveal their best form. Croatia were outplayed for stretches of the game, but a well taken goal by Billy Vojtek was enough to give them the right to contest the final.

Few readily admit it, but the plain truth is that the support of South Melbourne-Hellas has ensured the financial success of the Ampol Cup this year. But the fact that Hellas has missed out on the final for the first time in three years is sure to have some adverse effect on the attendance and receipts for the final.

Juventus defended their action in selling Australian goalkeeper Jack Reilly to St. George-Budapest and said the club had been forced to make the decision because of the state of their finances. I expect Juventus would have preferred to keep both Reilly and Kinnell, but the plain stark fact remains that despite their all-conquering side of last season, their gates and receipts were not nearly as good as they should have been. And the lure of the poker machine cash from Sydney seems too strong for any club to reject, except Croatia who for so long now have managed to hang on to Jim Mackay and Billy Vojtek.

Fourth Division Metropolitan side Eltham have now \$40,000 for dressing rooms and amenities through the compliments of their local council. Eltham will officially hand in their new H.Q. on the opening day of the new season in April against Moorabbin.

Len Stutard, who gave good service to Moreland for many years and was president last season, died recently. Our condolences to his bereaved family.

Few young imports from overseas have had a more meteoric jump to the top than Bob Dobbing, the 20-year-old defender of Melbourne-HSC. Arriving almost unannounced fully six months ago from England, where he had been a full-time colt for three years with Coventry City, he was tried in a handful of first team appearances last season by coach Zvonimir Rasic (now with St. George-Budapest) without achieving any great success. In fact several of his appearances were confined to half a game. Since Dobbing has come under the wing of Ken Kontra, Rasic's successor, at the beginning of this year, he has now jumped from an unknown to become one of the top players in Victorian soccer. Dobbing in his few games last year, played in attack, but since being moved back to play a key role in defence, his transformation has been astonishing. Many critics shook their heads when he took the field to play for Victoria against Toyo Kogyo, but Dobbing, despite the locals' defeat, turned in a creditable performance. So much so, he was retained for the line-up which held Moscow Dynamo to a scoreless draw, and in this game he excelled. A native of Sunderland, two of his former team-mates with Coventry City Central League team are also in Australia — Don Peachey, of South Coast United, and Robin Hayward, of George Cross.

— JIM COOK

Crisp shots

SA will play Victoria at Olympic Park on Sunday under their new coach, Peter Jakac.

Jakac was appointed last Sunday to succeed George McMillan, who was in charge of the State side which lost 0-6 to Moscow Dynamo.

McMillan tendered his resignation because he considered that he was not given a free hand to run the squad.

"I was given a list of do's and don'ts and was really coach in name only," said McMillan.

McMillan caused a stir by dropping SA regulars, Eric Norman, Ron White and Billy Birch from the team which lost to Dynamo.

He chose Andy Tamandi (Juventus) and Nick Nechvoglod (USC Lion) as striker replacements and named Nick Kefaloudis (WA Hellas) to replace Colin Murray (USC Lion) at left fullback.

Burnside-Budapest, currently in the running for the Ampol series finals, have signed three overseas players. They are Hungarians Sandor Kocsis, 22-year-old striker and Tamas Balla, 21, a defender, and Czechoslovakian Joseph Hermann. Hermann moved from Melbourne where he has been coaching Inter Williamstown. Now 32, he is a former Inter Bratislava midfielder player. All three newcomers are awaiting overseas clearances.

Two Elizabeth City players and a Budapest striker have been placed on the transfer list. Dave Robson and Roger Smart are the Elizabethans and former SA forward, Barrie Reynolds the Burnside man seeking a change.

Laurie Gillan has been appointed coach of the Elizabeth City reserve team.

Henry Kolecki and Richard Urbaniak both received pennants to commemorate their achieving 100 games each for Polonia last Thursday. Urbaniak dampened the party spirit by announcing that he intended to retire.

— ALLAN CRISP

Fojtlin back at the helm

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Erwin Fojtlin, who coached Concordia back to Second Division two years ago, is back in charge in 1971.

He returned from an overseas trip last October and the job was there for the taking, following the resignation of player-coach Gerry Mestrum at the end of last season.

As a strictly amateur club, the task of maintaining Concordia in Second Division will not be easy, but Fojtlin is aware of the hard struggle that lies ahead.

He is banking on a bunch of talented and willing youngsters and a high team spirit to survive

in the increasingly tougher Second Division field.

Contrary to earlier indications, several of last year's Concordia players are expected to be back in the side and these would probably include Adrian Smit, Peter Erasmus, Jack Besseling, and a few others.

The club is still looking for youngsters for its reserve and third grade sides and those interested could contact Fojtlin on training nights which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Steel Park, Marrickville.

WESTS GIVE KIDS A GO

Western Suburbs Soccer Club, who for many years have sponsored all representative teams from under-14 years of age to All-Age fielded by the Western Suburbs District Football Association, has once again given its full support to this project this season.

Gordon Stratford, the club's secretary said this week that hundreds of youngsters are already in training and within the next two weeks trials will be held to sort out these sides.

Teams sponsored will be the under-14's, 15's, 16's, 18's, 21's and All Age.

The club is still looking for talent and interested players can contact Wests' two full-time coaches, Joe Marston and Tommy Dawson, at Nield Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

To encourage further junior players in the district, the Western Suburbs

club has made available for the first time this year, two perpetual trophies which will be awarded at the end of every season to the most outstanding soccer performer at senior and junior levels.

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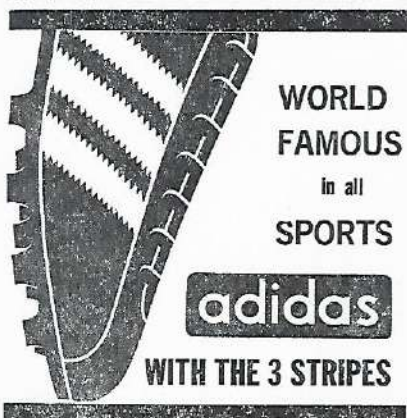
— CHARLES SPITERI

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ST. GEORGE v. FREM (DENMARK) 3-0

Saints have Tokyo tourney in the bag

— From PAUL DEAN in Tokyo —

TOKYO, Monday — With some exaggeration one could say that the St. George-Budapest fans must come to Tokyo to see their team play at its peak.

With yesterday's smashing 3-0 win against Boldklubben Frem, the Danish First Division side, they reached new heights.

Especially in the second half one had the impression that St. George was an established, experienced European team steamrolling against weak "colonial" opposition.

The first half was fairly even with Frem showing skill and physical ability, but they were unable to break through the tight St. George defence.

Gradually, Saints gained the upper hand, which towards the end turned into a triumphant parade.

St. George's first goal came from a penalty, converted by Abonyi in the 15th minute, after Harris had been pulled down well inside the box.

After the first goal, Denton and Alston narrowly failed to add to the score.

In the first minute after the interval, the stocky Danish striker, Madsen, headed over the bar, while

standing alone facing goalie Brian Taylor.

In the 50th minute the Saints scored their second goal.

Alan Ainslie's precision pass dropped cleanly in the path of Adrian Alston, who took a few steps, and then slipped the ball past the advancing Danish goalkeeper, V. Hansen.

Four minutes later Alston, found Mike Denton with a pass and the striker's left foot drive bulged the net.

The rest of the match was a one-sided procession, St. George delighting the crowd with controlled, precision football.

One or two further chances were missed narrowly by Ainslie and Denton.

Confident

St. George not only played well, but with astonishing confidence, as though against the humblest Sydney opposition.

The defence, as always on this tour, was tight, with



BIG MATCH SPECIALIST JOHN WARREN

Ujesenovic "sweeping" like a seasoned charlady, and Harris and Schaefer tackling and passing well.

Sandell, however, again stole the show like against Japan "A", with a colossal game at stopper, and often ventured into the midfield.

Williams had another quiet game though he improved towards the end, while goalie Taylor was less than busy for most of the game.

Warren was the best in the midfield, but Ainslie was also on the mend and his accurate passing created many sticky situations for the Danes.

Alston was brilliant, like the best Geoff Hurst.

Despite a double guard on him, he was a constant danger to the Frem goal.

Abonyi and Denton were extremely busy and constructive, but lacked Alston's fire.

The Danes disappointed; they appeared cocky and before the game, last Saturday, in typical amateur fashion were up after midnight swilling beer.

Saints waited until the match was over . . .

Frem's skill is below the recent Czechoslovakian or Russian visitors to Australia, but they are physically tougher and aggressive.

Frem had five Danish internationals in the team, much to everyone's amazement.

St. George-Budapest: Taylor, Harris, Ujesenovic, Sandell, Williams, Schaefer, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Alston.

Frem: V. Hansen, F. Hansen, Hougaard, Boeje, Moersch, Ulrichson, L. Nielsen, Poulsen, Madsen, Printzlaw, Ahlberg.

Crowd: 10,000.

Kamamoto dimmed

In the early match Japan "A" struggled to beat Japan "B" 1-0 with an "own" goal.

For 70 minutes it was anybody's until Kamamoto's team took over.

However, Kamamoto is no longer the same player; he was easily shackled, and his brilliance badly dimmed.

AMBASSADORS FOR AUSTRALIA

TOKYO — I seriously doubt if a happier, more disciplined and better behaved football team of any kind than St. George ever left Australia.

We have been away now for about a fortnight — and neither the tour manager Les Borda nor coach Rale Rasic had the slightest problem with any of the players.

This, however, isn't meant to imply that they are a silent, regimented bunch.

Adrian Alston, in the role of the choirmaster, leads the sing-song in the coach to and from the stadiums usually culminating with a roaring "When the Saints go marching in" as the team disembarks to the utter disbelief of the waiting Japanese.

But even in this luxurious hotel the boys behave like so many gentlemen.

There are no traces of the various Seoul episodes proving my case that young players can be happy and pleasant on a tour without resorting to vulgar tricks.

NON-SMOKERS

It's a small thing perhaps but worth mentioning — not one of the players smokes and there have been absolutely no problems with drinks.

They all have soft drinks and beer in their refrigerators in the rooms — and the beer is untouched.

Last Sunday week, after their match against Japan, a few of the players had a glass of beer or two in the hotel's lounge but again, it was more of a social drinking than a booze session or pub crawl.

Rale gave the players the whole evening off after the game — but only three bothered to go out roaming in Tokyo.

The rest were content to stay in the hotel where the milieu helps greatly to establish a family atmosphere.

The only complaint against the hotel could be that for the first few days all players were stacked in rooms by the fours.

It took three days of protracted negotiations with the Japan Football Association and the hotel management to slightly improve this situation by gaining an extra room and easing the congestion.

Now we have two rooms for four players, one for three and one for two only, this

one being shared by the club's two oldest and most distinguished players, Warren and Schaefer.

Our fears about the food were quickly proved wrong: they serve only Western type of menu, in luxurious surroundings, in the evening to the accompaniment of table music.



MANFRED SCHAEFER

Most nights the players receive the loveliest Kobe steak as the main course and I have not heard one single complaint against the quality.

In all other ways, the hotel management and the Japan Football Association have really done a magnificent job.

The Akasaka Prince, in the smart Akasaka district of Tokyo, is where all visiting soccer teams are always accommodated, and so the management has vast experience in coping with the usual wishes and requests of the players.

As a result, many players could truthfully say that this place is a bit better than home away from home . . .

— PAUL DEAN

St. George v. T. Kogyo 3-2

Late Alston goal saved the day

— From PAUL DEAN in Hiroshima —

Only determination and the dynamic display of key players pulled Saints through in their match against Toyo Kogyo, the Japanese champions, in Hiroshima last Thursday week.

It looked like being a cake-walk at first as St. George-Budapest had three scoring chances before grabbing the lead in the 21st minute.

Ainslie's header reached Abonyi, who volleyed home on the turn from eight yards.

Saints kept attacking, but an annoying number of passes went astray.

Finally, after two more missed opportunities, Alston got fed-up with the abortive attempts and smashed in a second goal from 18 yards in the 31st minute.

While playing below their best, the visitors should have had a four-goal margin at halftime.

But they didn't, and Toyo Kogyo were let off the hook.

In the 52nd minute, after a corner, Schaefer tried to pull back on the line, but Ogi flew into the clearance to breast the ball in.

Seventeen minutes later the score was tied at 2-2.

Tom Anderson, a replacement for an indifferent Harry Williams, was well beaten on the wing and Kotaki's cross was cleanly headed home by the unmarked Yoshida.

At last Saints woke up, and with Warren, Alston and Harris literally driving the team on, in the 76th minute Ainslie's pass was taken by Denton whose shot hit the post.

Alston picked up the rebound, rounded goalie Funamoto before coolly flicking in the winner.

Warren and Alston stood out though Harris, Ujesenovic, Sandell and Schaefer were also above average.



ADRIAN ALSTON

The two style-setting midfielders, Abonyi and Ainslie, had mediocre games, cramping the team's free-flowing pattern.

Denton was out of touch, as was Harry Williams, who is not having a happy tour, formwise.

Toyo Kogyo were well below the strength of the full Japanese national team, but they did play better, thanks to an inspired Ogi, than in Sydney.

Despite this, St. George, who they reproduced their Hoo Kong form, would have slaughtered them.

St. George-Budapest: Taylor, Harris, Ujesenovic, Sandell, Williams (Anderson), Schaefer, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Alston, Denton.

Toyo Kogyo: Funamoto, Tanimura, Kawano, Ogi, Oono, Numura, Kotaki, Yoshida, Tanimoto, Kuwahara, Shihara.

Crowd: 6,000.

European tour for Olympic medallists

TOKYO — Japan's "Mr. Soccer", Shun-ichiro Okano will quit as the national team's coach later this year.

"I have been neglecting my business for too long," he told me this week. "The restaurant I have in partnership with my father demands much more time and attention."

"I will stay on as Japan's manager, if they want me but I can't keep coaching as well."

However, before he calls it a day, Okano would dearly love to complete his current mission — getting Japan, the 1968 bronze medallists, into the finals of the Munich Olympic tournament.

The present international series, sponsored by the Asahi newspaper group, is the first stage of Japan's Olympic preparations.

Big venture

In July and August Japan will go to Europe to play about 10 matches.

In England they will meet Arsenal, Southampton and Hull City then play three matches in West Germany

against Bundesliga teams FC Koln, Monchengladbach and another.

The rest of the games will be played either in Sweden or in Spain.

After their return, the players will have one week rest — then go into a training camp to prepare for the Olympic elimination series in Seoul, South Korea, in October.

Japanese officials seem utterly unhappy about the fact that Seoul was selected as the venue for these matches.

They hint at some shady behind-the-scenes deals in which some "neutral" FIFA officials were involved, allegedly being influenced by South Korean feminine charm.

The Japanese claim that Tokyo had more votes as the venue — yet the decision to stage the elimination series was made arbitrarily and unjustly.

"It will be tough to win in Seoul," Okano said, "the

South Koreans have often been our nemesis.

"To show just how keen they are, they went on a 50-day South American trip on January 15 and returned home recently."

Cool relations

Relations between neighboring Japan and Korea are somewhat cool at present.

The Secretary of the South Korean Association arrived in Tokyo this week in an attempt to make the Japanese change their mind about the President's Cup in Seoul in May.

The Japanese declined Korea's invitation because of their crowded domestic schedule.

However, one has come to know the Orient well enough to sense that the true reason is Japan's hurt feeling, if not outrage, over the shoddy deal they received in the Olympic elimination venue. — P.D.

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There is no clear-cut favorite for the 1971 title, and if we were in the bookmaking game these are the odds we would offer for the championship: St. George-Budapest 4-1, Hakoah 5-1, Ryde 7-1, APIA, Wests, Marconi 8-1, Prague 15-1, Pan Hellenic, South Sydney 25-1, South Coast 50-1, Marrickville, Auburn 200-1.

The clubs, and their prospects in 1971, as we see it:

A.P.I.A.

APIA will be in there fighting, but with no more than a 50-50 chance of making the first four.

In the Ampol Cup they flattered only to deceive in the semifinals where all the failings which gave them their worst-ever season last year reappeared.

That APIA is a fitter team since Walter Tamandl's return, there is no doubt, but creativity is still missing from their game when George Blues is in indifferent form.

The international winger plays too big a part in the team's well-being.

His co-forwards, with the possible exception of Ernie Campbell, who has yet to confirm the promise shown when he first burst on the scene, can best be described as "plodders".

The club will pin its hopes on the goalkeeping prowess of Stan Foster, the leading scorer in the Ampol Cup and will hope he won't disappoint like in 1970 when he also scored several goals in the pre-season series only to fade into total mediocrity in the championship.

In McQuire, APIA have a talented goalkeeper, who could more than adequately replace Bill Rerke, and fullbacks Keith and Ackerley are still among the best in the business.

Their halfback line, once their forte, however, is certain to cause problems.

Auburn

Auburn's hopes for survival rest on the outcome of talks with their sulking sidelined stars.

A sad fate will await them should they have to rely on their current crop of Ampol Cup performers.

Despite encouraging draws against Wests and Pan Hellenic in their last two outings, Auburn are poorly equipped to keep their heads above water.

They have no forwards to speak of, and their defence cannot be expected to perform heroically week in week out. We don't envy the lot of new coach Brian Slater, who must be wondering what hit him when he joined the club.

Last year Auburn surprised one and all when, freely tipped for relegation, they got off to a flying start and pressed for a semifinal spot right through the premiership.

A repeat performance is completely out of the question. Although any forecast is hazardous at this stage, Auburn seem doomed to be fighting for their First Division lives by the end of August, with a 50-50 chance of survival.

Hakoah

Last year's champions will be one of the big question marks of the championship.

Nothing in their form to date suggests they can retain their title, or even, for that

matter, be certain of a place in the final play-offs.

The club must soon make up its mind about its forward-line, which holds the key to their season.

Although some of their stars have noticeably slowed down, they have no worries in defence, still one of the most solid in the business.

Hakoah have a depth of riches in defence, with almost every position covered, but the picture in attack is not so rosy.

The Brazilian riddle still has to be resolved, but the championship is a serious business and no experiments are recommended once the league is under way.

Hakoah will court disaster if they fall back into their old ways of constant team-changing.

They must settle on a standard line-up now and stick to it for at least the first three or four rounds.

A sensible selection policy and commonsense would solve Hakoah's problems and put them back on the rails.

Then, with the wealth of talent available, Hakoah will again be able to compete for top honors — as we definitely think they will.

Marconi

Another ambitious team aiming for the top in 1971, Marconi will be mixing it with the "big fish" when the championship draws to a close.

Like Western Suburbs, they can feel reasonably confident about their "top four" prospects even though they will miss star defenders Moschen and John Roche, especially the latter, for some time.

Marconi play good tempo football and have the knack of switching defence into attack efficiently, thanks to the presence of Ray Richards in the midfield.

Once they acquire the goalkeeper they simply must have to play a leading part in the championship, they will be a match for the best.

With Col Curran, the Marconi defence has gained stability and there is no doubt in my mind, after seeing the Novocastrian perform on tour last year, that he will be one of the season's star fullbacks.

Les Scheinflug is still going strong as a player and he is not likely to stay on the sidelines as a coach only while he can render useful service with his uncanny positional play.

One player who could be Marconi's ace in the hole is Rino Bon, who has now settled in his new surroundings and whose promptings and Italian professional craftiness will come in handy.

MARRICKVILLE

Marrickville seem certain to continue the tightrope exercise which has characterised their First Division existence in recent years.

The team will again rely on its formidable fighting spirit to keep them in the top division.

Their faith has lifted mountains in the past, compensating for the very ordinary talent at their disposal.

Many have high premiership hopes

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Unless the club can call on some reinforcements from Greece, which is always on the cards, Marrickville Olympic will be in a tight corner and appear almost certain to have a great battle with Auburn at the bottom of the table.

Marrickville have some players who are not without talent, however.

Goalie Demopoulos, if he doesn't lose his cool, could be the man to save Olympic when the chips are down.

Stalwarts Joe Whitehead and John Xipolitis will be other key defenders in Marrickville's bid to stave off relegation.

In attack, young Terry Thompson and Vic Lowry may be the pick of a poor lot. Olympic can't hope for 100 many goals this season and will have to rely on their defence and courage to keep their place in top company.

P. Hellenic

Although Pan Hellenic have shown slightly more method in their play since coach Joe Vlasits took over, they still have a very long way to go.

Their current form has middle of the table stamped all over it, and we seriously doubt whether they can finish above sixth or seventh place.

The football they produced in the Ampol Cup is unlikely to induce their many lost supporters back to the game.

A workmanlike side without any outstanding individuals, their salvation can only come from team-work.

There have been signs of improvements in this aspect but Joe Vlasits is not terribly well endowed with individual talent to hope for any spectacular impact on the championship scene.

Their best chances for a respectable ranking will rest on their defence where Vlasits has evolved an efficient double-stopper combination with Barboutis and Xipolitis, and in the midfield where the busy McCulloch and new boy Terry Welton have showed up well this year.

Pan Hellenic's big weakness lies in attack where they lack both a playmaker and a crack marksman.

Without either we can't see their supporters having much to enthuse about again this season.

Prague

If Ampol Cup form is any indication this year's championship will again be no bed of roses for Prague.

One of the most injury-prone sides in the league, Prague will keep their fingers crossed that injuries don't take their toll and weaken them further.

The loss of star forwards Manuel and Armytage, or playmaker Rooney, in particular, would be fatal.

Prague's hopes will rest mainly on this trio as there is not too much seminal material to be found among the others, Blanco excepted.

Still without a really competent goalkeeper, Prague's defence may not be able to pull them out of trouble like in the past.

Without going so far as to suggest they will be in any real danger of relegation, we feel, however, that Prague must get off to a good start



LARRY ARMYTAGE

to avoid the agony and frustration which was theirs last year.

They need a few points in the early rounds to bolster their morale because a poor start would bring about team changes which would have an unsettling effect just like in 1970 when it took coach Tamandl almost the entire championship to settle on a standard, match-winning combination.

Ryde

Irritating or enchanting, that's Ryde all over and that explosive mixture looks set for another good season.

One of the rare teams which plays with a set style, Ryde will look for Rudic's return to form to put their defence back in order.

Their forte last season, the defence has been abnormally shaky in the Ampol Cup, during which they owed most of their successes to their forwards.

Joe Alagich, Zoran Brajkovic and Ilija Takac will again be the key players in their quest for glory.

This match-winning trio, plus newcomer Barbarich, if he lives up to expectations, will create problems to most defences and should enable Ryde to win many matches more than they lost in 1971.

Some of their players, however, would be well advised to curb their tempers if they don't want the team to be crippled by a record number of suspensions.

If the talented Ryde can keep their tempers in check and stop arguing with every one in sight, there is no reason why they can't be one of the most attractive teams to watch — and one of the toughest to beat once their defence tightens up.

Their fate is in their own hands.

St. George

Saints' Asian tour should have served as an ideal warm-up for the championship and we would be surprised if the team didn't benefit from their matches abroad, especially in the early stages.

With tough international competition under their belts, they could have the edge in fitness and team-work over their opponents.

However, even if St. George hadn't toured overseas, they would be entitled to start among the favorites for the 1971 title.

Their Ampol Cup form was too bad to be true as their subsequent Asian results showed when their prestige — and Australian soccer's — was at stake.

Saints have resolved their biggest defensive problem with the scoop signing of Jack Reilly, easily the best "keeper" in Australia.

He will add much needed stability to their rearguard and a lot of the shakiness which caused many a St. George downfall in the past will disappear.

The team's trump cards, however, will, as always, be their strikers and midfield "generals" John Warren and Alan Ainslie.

St. George still have the most explosive forward-line in Australia, which with the promptings from the midfield could produce the goods this season.

This could be the year when the eternal bridesmaid gets to wear white...

South Sydney

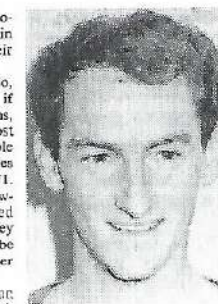
A far cry from the team which caught the imagination late last season, Souths face the championship with complete uncertainty.

It's impossible to predict how they will fare in this season's hot field.

If Ampol Cup form has to be the yardstick, they may be in some trouble.

One of the unluckiest teams with injuries, South Sydney have also lost several of last year's key players and their new British "imports" still have to justify their reputations.

We are not unduly pessimistic about their chances, however, as they still have enough classy players to avoid serious bother.



DENNIS WRIGHT

Ron Corry seems set for a better season than last year and the imminent return of Brian Lincoln will strengthen their defence.

Frank Cuthbert and David Taylor will once more be responsible for firing Souths' forward-line.

Souths will certainly climb up the ladder if their UK newcomers, Harris, McLean and especially Trail, whose Scottish record is impressive, come good.

Only if bad luck persists to plague them will they face an uphill battle, but if they enjoy an injury-free season and can blend their newcomers, youngsters and veterans together, they could surprise again.

Sth. Coast

South Coast seem to have settled down under coach Jim Harris but are unlikely to have much success this season.

Two players will dominate the United line-up: Peter Wilson and Max Tolson.

Wilson, Australia's greatest stopper, adds a touch of class and imperial assurance to their rearguard, while "Big Max" will be as awkward as ever for opposing defences with his height and vigorous play.



GEORGE GALBRAITH

Defence appears to be the team's strongest division, what with Ean Cuthbert and Tuckerman an effective combination at fullback and Dunlop servicing the midfield.

Attack may be United's Achilles' heel, with Tolson isolated and getting little support.

South Coast could do with a couple of ball-playing forwards, but since no signing is likely, will have to make do with their present playing staff.

South Coast will probably win enough points at Wooruna to steer clear of relegation.

WESTS

The First Division "haves" are an ambitious lot, and justifiably so.

They have already made a big impact in their first season in top company and are entitled to aim for a "top four" berth.

They certainly have the players and the management to achieve their lofty aims.

They have a well balanced team, where every player seems to know what is expected of him.

They play simple, effective football and don't go for the flashy stuff.

Their no-head management pulled off a spectacular coup by signing Victorians George Kinnell and Wim Spiekerman, who should be amongst the attractions of the championship.

But Wests are far from being a two-man team because Brian Turner, another impressive new boy, Archie Blue, David Johnston, Ross Kelly, Matt Guileas, Cliff Van Blerk, Johnny Hargreaves and Peter Pont will also make their presence felt.

Wests now only need to build up support and start attracting crowds in keeping with their ambitions to become what for the want of a better name is known as a "glamor team".

AMPOL CUP FINAL

Extra-time brings Wests 4-2 victory

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Last week's stirring Western Suburbs v. Marconi will go down as one of the greatest Ampol Cup finals on record.

The game had enough to satisfy the most fastidious connoisseur and most have reconciled every spectator with Sydney soccer.

The crowd of 7,560 never had a dull moment and the final kept all its promise of being a wide open affair with no clear-cut favorite.

This is exactly how it turned out, and although Western Suburbs were more than worthy 4-2 winners, after extra-time, it would only have needed a lucky break for the result to be reversed in Marconi's favor.

The team that scores first in extra-time more often than not goes on to win the match, as its opponent is understandably demoralised.

THRILLER

This year's final was very reminiscent of the 1965 Ampol final between Prague and Yugal, which had also ended in a 2-2 draw after 90 minutes before Prague, thanks to an early goal, swamped Yugal in extra-time to run out 6-2 winners.

Sunday's match was a thriller from start to finish and it was only when Wests' Arthur Thomas scored in the 92nd minute that the result was no longer in doubt.

Until then it was anybody's match and either team could have won at the completion of the regulation 90 minutes without anyone complaining about the result because it was that kind of a match.

It was real cup tie soccer from go to whoa, with fortunes fluctuating from the minute referee Boskovic sent the ball on its way.

Marconi grabbed the initiative in the early stages and were completely in control for the first half hour.

With any sort of luck they could even have led 3-0.

Apart from Cudek's well-taken 8th minute goal, Marconi could have scored in the 22nd minute when Van Blerk saved a Scheinflug shot off his line.

But the turning point of the match came in the 30th minute when Ross Kelly made a save he will long remember, and the fans at Wentworth too.

Kelly miraculously got his fingers to a point-blank shot by Cudek which had goal written all over it.

Had the ball gone in — and 99 times out of a hundred it would have, as one seldom sees such a fantastic reflex save — the match would probably have been all over bar the shouting then and there.

This let-off, however, galvanised Wests into action, and from then on the match swung in their favor slowly, but surely.

A great solo effort by Turner tied the score in the 41st minute and Wests continued to press well into the second, when against the run of the play, Griffiths put Marconi ahead again with a well-placed low shot.

Wests, refusing to admit defeat, went after the equaliser which justly came their way 15 minutes from the end through Wim Spiekerman.

The last 15 minutes before extra-time had the crowd on its toes with both teams throwing everything into attack for the winning goal.



BRIAN TURNER

Both had their chances, but defences held out in a hectic quarter of an hour of unbearable suspense.

The 20 minutes of extra-time were slightly anticlimactic because Wests scored almost at once, leaving no doubt as to the outcome.

Arthur Thomas, a substitute for Gary Hindmarsh, accomplished the feat at his first touch of the ball!

Marconi were unable to react and it was no surprise when Brian Turner clinched a memorable match with his second, and Wests' fourth goal in the 101st minute.

In the final analysis, it was Western Suburbs' all-round strength and superior stamina which won them the 1971 Ampol Cup final.

Although a trifle light on the wings, they were admirable in the midfield and in the rearguard.

Marconi did not receive the best of service from Telfer and Robertson, while the midfield motor, Ray Richards was not quite his dynamic self.

Two players stood out above all the others: Les Scheinflug, for Marconi, and Brian Turner, for Wests.

Scheinflug was everywhere at once, "sweeping" behind his defence one minute, then bobbing up in attack the next.

As for Turner, he must rate as the most exciting Australian-born prospect since his fellow-Novocastrian Ray Baartz hit the Sydney scene in 1967.

Referee Tony Boskovic added to the quality of this highly satisfying match with a faultless display which suggests it will be a while yet before he is knocked off his pedestal as our top referee.

Wests: Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 3, Hindmarsh 3 (replaced by Thomas 90 min.), Guildea 3, Turner 5, Spiekerman 5, Pont 3. Total: 41.

Marconi: Murray 4, Robertson 3 (replaced by Connolly 3 halftime), Curran 4, Richards 3, Telfer 3, Scheinflug 5, Danajevits 4, Cudek 3 (replaced by Giacometti 100 min.), Santoro 3, Bon 3, Griffiths 4. Total: 39.

Scorers: Turner 41 and 101 mins., Spiekerman 75 min., Thomas 92 min. for Wests; Cudek 8 min., Griffiths 66 min. for Marconi.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 7,560.

Ryde: Cajsusic 4, Dougan 3, Nacinovic 3, Waters 3, Rudic 3, Trkulja 3, J. Alagich 4, Brajkovic 4, Dickinson 2 (replaced by M. Alagich 60 min.), Takac 3, Lyha 3. Total: 35.

APIA: McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3, Hughes 3, Russell 3 (replaced by Montgomery 66 min.), Blues 3, Campbell 3, McKinnon 2, Forster 2, Madrusan 2 (replaced by Ridley 60 min.). Total: 32.

Scorers: J. Alagich 27 min. Referee: P. Rampley.

— MIKE RENWICK

RYDE v. APIA 1-0

RYDE THIRD

Ryde, predictably, took out third Ampol Cup prize-money at Wentworth Park last Sunday when they beat APIA 1-0.

Ryde were always in command against a listless APIA, which sadly lacked sparkle and imagination.

A typical dashing goal by speedster Joe Alagich in the 27th minute was enough to give Ryde a victory which was much more decisive than the score indicates.

There is little else to report about this match which, thankfully, didn't go into extra-time as the vast majority of the fans were impatiently waiting for Marconi and Wests to take the field.

Now that the amateur clubs playing in Federation competitions are not permitted to join in the NSW Amateur Cup the tournament is sure to suffer.

On present indications the Amateur Cup will end up as the Illawarra Cup because

their best teams should be far superior to local all-age clubs.

I can only see the need for the Federation to take over the conduct of this series if it is to have its real value to the soccer code.

S. RICHARDS, Condon Park.

CHARITY STARTS AT HOME

NSW Federation president Frank Parsons is not impressed with the recent appointment of a Minister for Sport in NSW.

Parsons, in his usual forceful manner, called a spade a spade when I asked him whether he thought soccer would benefit from the new ministry.

"The only way a sports ministry can serve any useful purpose," he said, "is if the Government pours millions of dollars into providing better amenities for spectators."

"And I don't mean just building a giant sports complex for future Olympic Games," he added.

"The Sports Ministry must cater for the majority of the sporting public, and that means improving the dis-

graceful state of suburban ovals all over the metropolitan area as well as building new ones.

"Let's worry about the needs of local residents before thinking of staging the Olympic Games," Parsons said.

Frank Parsons, to be blunt, reckons the NSW Government only appointed a Sports Minister to pay lip service to an electoral promise.

Mr. Willis, he claims, rightly, already has jurisdiction over many aspects of sport when he only held the portfolio of Chief Secretary.

— LOU GAUTIER

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

"Big guns" clash in opening round

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Acute shortage of funds amongst the 12 Second Division clubs could prove a blessing in disguise for local talent trying to break into big time football this season.

It could also be a major factor in providing a much keener, if less tougher competition than in recent years.

The competition kicks off this weekend and so far none of the teams could raise the finance to embark on spectacular team building to get a head's start in winning the promotion race like Wests did last season and Marconi the year before.



JOE DREWNIAK
(Polonia)

For the first time in recent years it appears that there is no clear-cut favorite for the 1971 premiership, and as many as half the teams in the competition have some sort of underlying hopes that granted the right conditions the prospect of winning promotion is within their grasp.

Through necessity rather than convenience, most of

the clubs in this Division will lean on young and inexperienced players, and with the exception of Balgownie, who signed former under-23 Welsh international Brian Edgeley, none made any efforts, or could afford, to buy First Division players.

If recent trials could be used as a yardstick, Sutherland stand to be the most enterprising and confident side at this stage, but they are closely followed by Balgownie, Melita Eagles, Polonia, Manly and Bankstown.

And as four of these "contenders" meet each other in the opening round on Sunday, the results could provide an early indication of their strength and ambitions.

Ding-dong battle

In what promises to be a ding-dong battle, Manly will tackle Bankstown at Graham Reserve.

The contenders will rely mainly on last season's successful side which took third position on the table, while Bankstown will be without last season's top strikers Peter Clarke and Peter Mullen, both transferred to First Division clubs.

Between them, these two scored almost all of Bankstown's goals last year.

In another interesting match, Melita Eagles plays



GEORGE NUTTALL
(Bankstown)

Balgownie, and this should provide another glimpse into both team's future.

In addition to Edgeley, Balgownie have a talented 19-year-old Dutch forward Casey De Here and Canadian defender Bob Hunter in their line-up, but are not likely to include Dennis Paterson, who has yet to agree to terms.

On the other hand, Melita Eagles would field a young team with reasonable First Division experience, which is bubbling with tremendous enthusiasm under their new coach Len Chalmers.

However, most of the "stars" from last season will not be in the line-up as most are still on the transfer list or have not trained with the club this season.

Hard tussle

Polonia should also have a hard tussle against Granville at the Bankstown Soccer Centre as one should never underestimate the confident Granville, who are playing with more zest than in the last couple of years.

Sutherland, playing at Seymour Shaw Park against North Sydney-Inter, seem to have the easiest of draws and although the club has run into goal-keeping troubles (with both first and second grade goalkeepers nursing a broken thumb) it should win this match comfortably.



JOHN COLE
(Artamon)

Under the coaching of John Cole, the young Artamon-Ku-ring-gai side is aiming for better results this season and should give Corinthians a hard opening game.

With Graham Barnett at the helm, Corinthians will be a fitter side this season, but may have started too late in rebuilding and moulding the team, and initially could run into some setbacks.

An interesting clash is on the cards between newly promoted Guildford Wanderers and Concordia at Guildford Park.

Guildford are a young and unproved but determined quantity, while Concordia will still be relying on older players who at the end of last season, had quite a struggle to keep away from the bottom of the table.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

A rampant Croatia thrashed the much boosted JUST 5-1 in the Ampol Cup Final at Olympic Park last Friday night.

Inspired by a dazzling display by Australian international Jim Mackay, who was ably abetted by Billy Vojtek and the rest of the Croatia side, the victors were much too smart with their open style tactics and play for a JUST team who killed their chance of winning by some panic in defence and an overall indulgence in the short passing game.

It was a spectacular and well contested final with seldom a doubt about the eventual outcome, although Croatia were flattered by the final score.

Scorers were Mackay (2), Vojtek (2), Turnicar for Croatia and Micic for JUST.

Juventus hit the Western trail this Friday night when they fly to Perth to take part in a four-club competition on Saturday and Sunday organised by Bayswater United. The four clubs — Bayswater United, Azzurri, Ticolore and Juventus — will play a match each on Saturday and Sunday, and Juventus are hopeful of retaining the trophy they won in the same competition last year.

Croatia are reported to be ready to listen to offers for forward Willie Armour, whom they secured from George Cross fully a year ago for quite a fee.

A luncheon is to be held at the Lawn Tennis Association headquarters in Victoria, Kooyong, on Monday March 22 for the inauguration of the Rothmans Gold Medal for the "Best and Fairest" player in the State League Championship.

What does the future hold for John McDaid, the former George Cross fullback who has been with Melbourne-HSC, for the past three years? McDaid, for some reason, has not attended the club's training sessions this season.

Striker Jimmy Smart reappeared for George Cross in their game against Box Hill after recently getting married.

Hakoah, who this season have slashed their player payments, are, according to a recent report, to concentrate more and more on local products and think less and less in terms of imports. An admirable policy. But I wonder how well it will work. For over the years, a big slice of Hakoah's income has come in transfer fees received for imports, and up to the present, anyway, the Middle Park side have never made any real impact with local players.

George Cross now have two former Croatia players in their line-up — Bobby McLachlan and David Breslin.

Melbourne-HSC are negotiating with three players from the UK. One is a defender, with the other two being forwards.

Unless a Metropolitan club gets better response from their players at training sessions and on match days, the officials are seriously considering winding the club up or reverting to Sunday League soccer.

Next week an "off-the-cuff" preview of all 12 clubs and their prospects for the 1971 State League Championship.

— JIM COOK

THREE UPSETS ALREADY IN N.S.W. STATE CUP

Three upset results were the order of the day in the first round of the NSW State Cup preliminary round.

Bondi surprised by accounting for North Bankstown 3-0, Revesby 4 defeated Wenty 3, and Condell Park 3 beat Riverside 2.

In the latter match Condell Park's active play caused Riverside plenty of trouble.

Italian forward Melita scored two for Riverside for a half-time 2-2.

After Condell Park scored the winner Riverside failed from the penalty spot.

Hit referee

With the advantage of a strong wind Bondi went to a 2-0 lead against North Bankstown after 35 minutes with goals by Ron Odell and Mike Ralston.

It was all Bondi in the first half, but for 15 minutes after the interval North pressed in a bid to reduce the lead.

This was not to be, however, as in the 60th minute one of their forwards was sent off for allegedly hitting the referee over a disputed off-side decision.

Playing with 10 men, Norths fell easy prey to Bondi. Marinos, who scored a third goal, again through Odell, 10 minutes from the end for a shock result.

At Francis Park, Revesby's allround speed and tactics

WITH THE AMATEURS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

won them the victory.

Wenty were ahead through Kelly after five minutes, but the scores were even when Revesby star Openshaw hit a screamer.

Wenty's defence lacked pace, so Revesby used their wings to advantage and stretched Wenty's defence to breaking point.

Lloyd and Knight carried the count on to 3-1.

Wenty lifted their game in the second half, and pulled back a goal through centre forward Smart.

Glenday clinched the game at 4-2 for Revesby, with Kelly then scoring a consolation goal for the losers.

Chelsea benefited from their midweek run against Granville which they drew 4-4.

They were not troubled by West Ryde, winning 5-0.

Scorers were Frank McLaughlin (2), Geoff Eason (2), and Hughie Tulloch.

Gary Oberman was the pick of the match in Norths District's 9-1 win over a keen but inexperienced Nepean team. Queen Park's experience

was far too great for Toongabbie.

Queens Park only led 2-0 at half-time but from that point on Toongabbie's speed faded badly.

Peter Quinn netted five goals for Campbelltown in their 6-2 win over Ku-ring-gai.

Kees Pronk got the other goal with a high floating ball which was misjudged by Ku-ring-gai's keeper.

Ku-ring-gai played well above their Third Division standing and at one time were only down 2-3.

They missed another goal when John Cretney saved a penalty.

Top marks go to young Campbelltown defenders, 19-year-old Ken Brookes and 17-year-old Glen Byrne.

Despite the sound defence of Blacktown centre-half Stirling, Newtown gained a 2-1 win.

Blacktown looked likely winners in the first half, when Parkinson scored and Zammit missed narrowly.

Newtown's condition was in their favor in the second half, when Konstantinouts and Nezeizitis got the goals.

Amateur Division formed this week

It only remains for the ASF to confirm the formation of the ASF Amateur Division at its meeting on Saturday, and the Australian Amateur Association will be wound up on Sunday and the new body formed.

The resignation of secretary Phil Sleep was held over by AASA president Brian Grosse.

— KEITH GILMOUR

It is quite clear that:

● As well as the founding states NSW and SA, WA and ACT had joined the AASA, and that Queensland was well advanced.

● Affiliation of other States was affected by the long delay in the handling of the affiliation.

● Under-23 was not the only proposed competition; NSW officially raised the matter of under-15 on July 18, 1970, it had been mooted before then also, and costing for other junior grades was circulated last October.

The situation will remain confused until the ASF and NSW organise themselves so that senior amateur progress

S.A.: 3
VIC.: 0

South Australia scored a surprise, but fully deserved 3-0 win against Victoria at Olympic Park, Melbourne, last Sunday.

Victoria were lucky not to concede a neat half dozen to the alert, young South Australians, whose goals were scored by Pantelis, Nyskohus and Kolecki.

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

TABLES

RESULTS & SCORERS

P. Hellenic

2 (1)
Thorne 44 min., McCulloch 47 min.

South Sydney

1 (1)
Harris 39 min.

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)
Campbell 14 min., Forster 82 min.

Prague

1 (0)
Butler 65 min.

MARRICKVILLE

Hakoah

1
Keddie 16 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (0)
Tolson 51 min., Gruicic 68 min.

Auburn

3 (2)
Simpson 16 min., McDonald 37 min., Schneider 52 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

WESTS

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Magis 4, Henson 3 (Parkin 76 min.), Hignett 4, Barboutis 4, J. Xipolitis 3, Wetton 4, Smith 3, Thorne 3, McCulloch 5, Culledon 3 (Harding 3), Clarke 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Vlastis.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 3, Lincoln 3, Carr 3, Trail 4, Shepherd 4, Wright 3, Taylor 3, Ross 3 (Thomson 3), Doyle 3, Harris 4, Reynolds 3 (McLean 64 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: R. Foster.

McQuire 3, Keith 4, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3 (M. Smith 75 min.), Hughes 4, Russell 4, Blues 4, Campbell 4 (Pollard 45 min. 4), McKinnon 3, Forster 3, Madrusan 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * *

King 3, Harcombe 3, Weir 2, Pedersen 3, Zeman 4, Rootsey 4, Armytage 4, Rooney 4, Walsh 3 (Butler 45 min. 4), Tooma 4, Perry 2.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Bujana.

Demopoulos, Raeburn, Harris, Hardy, J. Xipolitis, Romanos, Mullen, Zivkovic, Thompson, Bamforth, Kerklaan.

Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Fuzes, Davey, Hillsdon, Gardiner, Marnoch, Watkiss, Rutherford, Muniz, Keddie, Baartz, Silva.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Ramage 3, Tuckerman 2, Cuthbert 4, Walker 4, Wilson 2, Galbraith 3, Stewart 2, Gruicic 2, Tolson 3, Dunlop 2, McGunnigle 2.

TOTAL: 29.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * *

Williamson 2, Hawkins 3, Craggs 2, Brady 4, Strachan 4, Malone 4, Di Santi 3, Rogers 2, Simpson 2, McDonald 3, Sidey 2 (Schneider 51 min.).

TOTAL: 31.

Coach: B. Slater.

Murray 5, Curran 4, Telfer 3, Robertson 3, Connolly 2, Scheinflug 4, Danayevits 2, Richards 5, Giacometti 4, Cudek 3, Griffiths 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * *

Kelly 4, Van Blerk 3, Hargreaves 4, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, Blue 5, Thomas 2, Guildea 4, Turner 3, Spiekerman 3, Pont 3 (Hindmarsh).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Dawson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Pan Hellenic won much more convincingly than the score indicates. There was only one team in it, although Souths took the lead against the run of the play in the 39th minute. Faster to the ball and quicker on the tackle, Pan Hellenic always held the upper hand and were good value for their win, although their football was nothing to write home about. There is little doubt that the vastly underrated George McCulloch was the man of the match. Apart from scoring a gem of a winning goal, he was a livewire throughout and sent many sterling crosses over which would have been converted into more goals by better finishers. Souths were cumbersome and totally lacked punch in attack.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,007.

— LOU GAUTHER

APIA should have been three goals up, instead of one, at halftime. Prague had the advantage of a brisk downfield breeze in the first half, but they could neither hold any of the centre field, nor could they get near the net whilst the towering newcomer from Southampton, Peter Walsh, was leading the line. Some crude fouls spoilt the first half, but when John Butler took the field, he soon had Prague tying up the APIA defence. At 1-1 Prague were a new team, but with only eight minutes remaining Forster hit a magnificent ground shot, and King, unsighted by his own defence, dived over the ball, giving APIA the victory.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 1,832.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match abandoned after 22 minutes when referee Walter Novelli called the game off following an incident behind the Marrickville goal between goalkeeper Angelo Demopoulos and Lucio Lopes, the Hakoah reserve grader who was taking photographs. Novelli abandoned the match claiming he could not guarantee the players' protection as there were several spectators in an ugly mood on the field and in the dressingroom area.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 2,355.

— MIKE RENWICK

The worst start to any season ever seen at Woonona. Both teams played so poorly that if this is going to be the yardstick for things to come, then both are in dire trouble. More so South Coast, whose form was absolutely woeful. Few of the players seemed to have any idea of what the game was all about. However, in all fairness, it must be stated that Horst Schneider, who came in as a replacement just after halftime, did make a notable difference to Auburn's forward-line. Frank Malone, considered too expensive for South Coast and signed by Auburn, provided the only sparkle in an otherwise very dull and dreary match. This was a match the players and the small crowd will forget in a hurry.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 1,809.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

The result could not have been fairer as both sides had their opportunities to win, yet through luck or inaccuracy, neither succeeded to penetrate the tight defences. Wests had ample chances, but each time they eluded the Marconi defence they found a brick wall in Bill Murray who was in a rare mood. Kelly at the other end was also safe and alert, and on several occasions, particularly in the second half, was forced to produce his best against an inspired Marconi attack. Richards, Scheinflug and Curran were brilliant in midfield disrupting every West attacking movement, while Archie Blue, Hargreaves and Kinnell did an excellent job for Wests. It was good to see Giacometti return to his form of old and turn out to be the best forward on the field.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 3,500.

— CHARLES SPITERI

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	1	—	—	6	—	2
SCU	1	—	—	2	1	2
Prague	1	—	—	2	1	2
South Sydney	1	—	—	3	2	2
Hakoah	1	—	—	2	2	1
Marrickville	1	—	—	2	2	1
Pan Hellenic	1	—	—	1	2	—
APIA	1	—	—	1	2	—
Auburn	1	—	—	1	2	—
Marconi	1	—	—	1	2	—
Ryde	1	—	—	1	2	—
St. George	1	—	—	1	2	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Sydney	1	—	—	4	—	2
Auburn	1	—	—	2	—	2
Hakoah	1	—	—	3	1	2
Prague	1	—	—	2	1	2
Marconi	1	—	—	2	1	2
Wests	1	—	—	2	2	1
APIA	1	—	—	1	2	—
Marrickville	1	—	—	1	3	—
SCU	1	—	—	1	3	—
Pan Hellenic	1	—	—	1	4	—
Ryde	1	—	—	1	4	—
St. George	1	—	—	1	4	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	1	—	—	5	1	2
Concordia	1	—	—	4	1	2
Granville	1	—	—	4	1	2
Manly	1	—	—	2	1	2
Melita	1	—	—	2	1	2
Artamon	1	—	—	2	2	1
Corinthians	1	—	—	2	2	1
Balgownie	1	—	—	1	2	—
Bankstown	1	—	—	1	2	—
Polonia	1	—	—	1	4	—
NS-Inter	1	—	—	1	4	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	1	—	—	4	—	2
Artamon	1	—	—	1	—	2
Granville	1	—	—	4	1	2
Sutherland	1	—	—	4	1	2
Concordia	1	—	—	4	1	2
Bankstown	1	—	—	1	1	1
Manly	1	—	—	1	1	1
Guilford	1	—	—	1	2	—
NS-Inter	1	—	—	1	4	—
Polonia	1	—	—	1	4	—
Corinthians	1	—	—	1	4	—
Melita	1	—	—	1	4	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guilford	1	—	—	5	—	2
Granville	1	—	—	3	—	2
Manly	1	—	—	2	—	2
Artamon	1	—	—	2	1	2
Balgownie	1	—	—	2	1	2
NS-Inter	1	—	—	2	1	2
Sutherland	1	—	—	1	1	—
Melita	1	—	—	1	2	—
Corinthians	1	—	—	1	2	—
Bankstown	1	—	—	1	3	—
Polonia	1	—	—	1	3	—
Concordia	1	—	—	1	3	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

P. Hellenic v. Souths	2-3	0-4
APIA v. Prague	2-2	1-2
SCU v. Auburn	2-0	0-2
Marconi v. Wests	0-6	2-2
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Manly v. B'town	2-1	1-1	1-0
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ST. GEORGE v. JAPAN "B" 6-2

Right spirit won Tokyo Tournament

— By PAUL DEAN —

"We'll try to pretend it's not a sort of a grand final:" that was the sentiment expressed by several players before this match on which hung the fate of the tournament.

The trick worked. The Saints, after so many near misses and frustrations, finally broke through in a tournament that was infinitely harder to win and carried more prestige than anything they have ever attempted.

The Aussies went on the field with an attacking approach; goals were needed and perhaps quite a few, just in case Japan's "A" team later slaughtered the Danish Frem.

In the 6th minute the ice was broken. Warren, moving up as a spearhead, laid on a great pass to the overlapping Harry Williams who took a step or two and then blasted the ball into the corner.

The Saints stayed on the attack. In the 10th minute Abonyi's shot was saved by Funamoto, and in the 26th minute Alston's drive missed narrowly.

In the 34th minute Alston heeled a ball in front of Warren, who raced in and headed the ball home over the advancing goalie.

PENALTY

Four minutes later referee Mr. Nagashima fairly awarded a penalty after Denton was pulled down inside the box and Abonyi once again made no mistake 3-0.

Just on halftime there was some fireworks in front of Japan's goal; two shots were parried before Denton, as usual, stepped into the act to slam the ball home from close range.

After the interval the Saints kept up the onslaught. However, at least four times Funamoto made incredible saves.

As it so often happens, the opposition's first counter-attack produced a goal in the 65th minute.

A corner was taken from the left wing, a forward swept Taylor out of the way and Ochiai headed the ball in from two yards.

Five minutes later Alston re-established the four-goal margin. He breasted a high pass down, sold a quick dummy, and then crashed a left foot drive into the roof from 20 yards.

In the 80th minute Japan scored again. Another corner, from the same wing, floated in and when Taylor yelled "my ball", the Aussie defenders pulled their neck in.

But there was lurking Ochiai who, rather impolitely, threw himself into the ball and made it 5-2.

Four minutes from full-time Alston sent Abonyi away with a surgically precise pass, and his shot from 14 yards curved into the corner.

The Saints, on the whole, gave a great display, about equalling their performance against Frem.

There wasn't one weak spot in the team which was not only fighting, but also playing superbly.

HERO

Although this is always a subjective matter, I felt Alston was the hero of the match.

All his mazy runs spelt danger for the Japanese, and near the goal he was deadly.

Warren, Sandell, Harris, Utjesenovic and Abonyi were also outstanding.

Japan's B team never gave up and, like all the other Japanese teams we saw, showed a much superior physical preparedness than in the past.

However, they were no match for the Saints on the warpath who were determined this time not to let the fruits of their labor slip out of their hands.

St. George: Taylor, Harris (Campbell 80 min.), Sandell, Utjesenovic, Williams, Schaefer, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Alston.

Japan B: Funamoto, Maeda, Hara, Yoshida, Fujishima, Ashikasa, Ochiai, Sakiya, Ohara (Yamada), Hidaka, Hirokawa.

Referee: Mr. Nagashima. Crowd: 20,000.

Japan wants return visit

— By PAUL DEAN —

The best behaved team we ever had — this was the official accolade freely given by both the management of the Akasaka Prince Hotel and the Japan Football Association.

Was this just another example of the traditional Japanese courtesy and perhaps flattery?

No, says Mr. Kasuga, the hotel manager. They have had dozens of overseas teams here in recent years — the JFA always puts them up here.

There were the English teams, Arsenal and Southampton and Middlesex Wanderers, the great Benfica, the Germans and the Brazilians, Scandinavians galore and others.

"St. George have been the best," Mr. Kasuga said gravely. "Not one single problem or difficulty with any of them in almost three weeks. A happy, well behaved and friendly lot."

Japan's manager-coach, Shun-ichiro Okano confirmed this compliment.

NUMBER ONE FAN

"Jó estét kívánok. Tud valaki itt magyarul?" (Good evening. Does anybody here speak Hungarian?)

The petite woman was outside Omiya Stadium, as we were filing through the gates after the match.

She looked Japanese; she had a typically Japanese frock and jumper. Yet, here she was, speaking in Hungarian, with hardly an accent.

Mrs. Hiroko Yamada is Japanese, with a Japanese husband, in the city of Omiya, perhaps 25 miles out of Tokyo.

For years she was employed by some Hungarian-born business people in Tokyo who, instead of learning Japanese, decided to teach her Hungarian.

TOKAY

Mrs. Yamada was almost in tears when some of the St. George officials and Ochiai spoke to her in Hungarian.

"Why don't you all come to my house for dinner," she pleaded. "We'll have paprika chicken with neckerl and cucumber salad, pancakes and Tokay wine. Will you come?"

We couldn't go, much as we wanted to; the bus was taking us back to Tokyo after the game.

But even so, we met Mrs. Yamada once more. She came to our Tokyo hotel on Sunday morning and spent the day with the team at the stadium, chit-chatting to one and all in passable English and excellent, idiomatic Hungarian.

And when the players were presented with their cup after winning the tournament, Mrs. Yamada was among the first to hug them.

St. George v. FC Hitachi 2-1

THE BRAWL THAT NEVER CAME...

The digit six, as far as I know, has no particular cabalistic significance — yet the Saints' sixth tour match came close to being either lost or reduced to a free-for-all.

To be fair, the blame for this must be apportioned in three ways.

The Omiya stadium's ground, devoid of any grass except for some withered brown, crumbly mini-growth, was also amazingly uneven, making the execution of the simplest pass a formidable task.

Then there was the referee, a certain Mr. Morisaburo Kuramochi, a devilishly grinning figure who seemed hell-bent on "saving face" for Hitachi by blandly ignoring even the most obvious fouls, trips, taps and obstructions.

The third guilty factor was the Saints themselves: realising too late that Hitachi and the referee were determined to force them into a sheer physical battle, they went to war with all the gusto and zest of a team provoked and infuriated.

In the process, they paid only scant attention to the art of football and several of the St. George players, led by a peculiarly irritated Schaefer, started to retaliate at every possible moment.

This suited the surprisingly tough and fast Hitachi; St. George's superior skill wasn't allowed to surface.

That the Saints still won is due in no small measure to a few players who somehow kept their cool and never lost sight of the true purpose of this visit to Omiya: victory.

Doug Utjesenovic, though playing with a badly infected toe and after an almost entirely sleepless night, never once forgot to play football.

John Warren, though much less composed under a series of maddening provocations, was another player who kept probing and driving to the bitter end.

Of the others George Harris, Don Sandell and occasionally Alar Ainslie rose above the average.

Tommy Anderson substituting for the injured Williams, fought manfully but uncomfortably in that position.

Schaefer had a nightmarish game; the angrier he got, the more awesome mistakes he made, his passes sometimes missing their target by the proverbial mile.

The three forwards, mercilessly kicked, hacked and pushed under the protective umbrella of the referee, could never get going.

All had chances but somehow their combative play, so often the brightest feature of this team, was absent.

Hitachi went into the lead through fullback Yamaguchi after 10 minutes with a goal that looked offside.

Sandell cleared a ball and at once the whole defence moved out. The ball came to the All-Japan fullback Yamaguchi some 20 yards from the goal and his shot sneaked into the corner among the maze of legs and

bodies — with at least one Japanese forward stranded in an offside position.

The Saints were playing badly; passes were going astray and moves were breaking down in midfield.

Still, in the 23rd minute, they equalised Warren, in his characteristic fashion, shook off his guard, rode two tough tackles and sped down the right wing.

His shot was parried but the ball rebounded into play and Denton won the race for it with three defenders, pushing it into the open goal from yards.

The second half was almost totally one-sided, with St. George now a little calmer and more determined to keep on the winning trail.

And yet — Hitachi almost scored. In the 63rd minute a long shot was palmed upwards by Taylor and the ball dropped on the bar. At least five players jumped for it and in the scramble twice it almost ended up in the net.

Two minutes later Alston was fouled for the umpteenth time and the tall St. George striker badly retaliated; for this he could easily have been sent off.

Just when one and all in the small Australian camp settled for a draw without a brawl, the Saints' luck changed.

Alston picked up a loose ball on the right wing, pushed it gently in front of the unmarked Abonyi who took a few steps and then curved it round the advancing goalie for the winner.

St. George: Taylor, Harris, Utjesenovic, Sandell, Anderson, Schaefer, Warren, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Alston.

Hitachi FC: Hirose, Yamaguchi, Kawakami, Nagaoka, Uchida, Nomura, Yoshida, Obata, Natsui (Hirasawa), Ishii, Ohno.

Crowd: 10,000.

— PAUL DEAN

MALTESE CROSS AT F. FALZON TRANSFER

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Former Prague and Melita Eagles halfback, Fred Falzon is unlikely to get a free clearance to play for Hamrun Spartans, in Malta, despite a pending Maltese Football Association Appeal to FIFA.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Mr. Brian Le Fevre said this week that if the case goes to FIFA (and he has no notification that it did) the world body is unlikely to over-rule or even interfere in any way with the ASF decision.

It is understood that when a clearance request was made by the Maltese Football Association to the Australian Soccer Federation on behalf of the Hamrun Spartans Club it accompanied an indication that refusal would bring the case before FIFA for a ruling.

Falzon migrated to Australia early in the '60's to join George Cross in Melbourne, and the then First Division Spartans cleared him to play in Australia on the understanding that Falzon will become a Spartans



player if he ever returned to Malta.

Falzon has returned to Malta recently and has sought to play with his old club.

Melita Eagles, the club for whom Falzon played

last in Australia, has him transfer-listed for \$1,000, and club officials said they would not release him until this is paid.

While in Australia, Falzon was transferred from George Cross to Prague for \$3,000 plus in March 1964 and on to Melita Eagles for about \$2,200 in February 1967.

Under these circumstances the ASF, in consultation with the NSW Soccer Federation, had no option but to refuse the MFA request.

However, Hamrun Spartans at present second in the Maltese Second Division competition, have urged the MFA to ask FIFA to intervene in this "dispute" so that Falzon may help them get promoted to First Division next season.

STOP PRESS

The NSW Federation Executive last Tuesday took very strong action over last Sunday's disturbance at Arlington Oval. The Executive ordered Marrickville Olympic to revert to its old name of Canterbury forthwith and deducted six points from the club's premiership points this year — virtually sentencing the club to relegation to Second Division. In a series of stiff penalties the Executive suspended Angelo Demopoulos and Lucio Lopes for 12 months and Jorge Rianelli for five matches, decided to award the abandoned match to Hakoah and fined Hakoah \$500 for allowing Lopes and Rianelli to be present in an area reserved for official photographers.

● Watch for our comments next week.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION SURPRISES TIPPED THIS WEEKEND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The opening round of the 1971 Second Division competition went almost as predicted with all the favorites winning their matches.

The only mild surprises were the thrashing of Polonia by Granville, and the poor showing of newly promoted Guildford against Concordia.

Our reports of round 1 matches:

Guildford v. Concordia 1-4

Newly-promoted Guildford found Concordia too experienced and after a fairly even first half they were subdued when they ran out of steam.

Concordia, driven by Erwin Fojtlin at left-half, used their better ball distribution to force Guildford in a continual chase of the ball which at the end exhausted them.

The score was tied at 1-1 at half-time, Guildford scoring first through Gauler and Guildford equalising within a minute through Bill Shepherd.

However, Concordia regained the lead 10 minutes into the second half and towards the end slammed two more to win comfortably.

Concordia: Wupper, Wozniczko, Nazor, Erasmus, Auras, Fojtlin; Kappacher (1), Temelowski (1), Gauler (1), Franzejovic, Somer (1).

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Brincat, Jack, Lowe, Schofield, Wood, Sheppard (1), Hahn (Northcott), Williams.

Corinthians v.

Artarmon 2-2

A fair result and both sides walked out satisfied with a point.

Corinthians played the more constructive football in the first half, yet when the whistle went at half-time Artarmon led 1-0 with a goal by winger Terry Williams.

Halfway through the second half Graham Barnett equalised for Corinthians and Bert Jagger, making his debut, made it 2-1 soon after, but with 10 minutes to go Mal McGuinness equalised for Artarmon with the best goal of the match.

Corinthians: Ryan, Smith, Haggett, Cooper, Townsend, Jagger (1), Cairns, Barnett (1), Potter, Collins, Johnson (Watkins).

Artarmon: Lamb, Mula, Nacinovich (Amor), McGuinness (1), Cole, Quinn, Harding, McAlpine, Wilson, (Seaborn), Morgan, Williams (1 penalty).

Sutherland v.

NS-Inter 5-1

Within eight seconds Sutherland had the ball in the net and from then on never really looked back, despite Inter's resistance in the first half.

Although there were some good flashes of football, the game never reached a high standard, particularly in the second half when Inter

allowed Sutherland to take complete command.

After the early setback, Inter equalised through Polotto, but Sutherland hammered in two more goals before half-time, and added another two in the second half.

Sutherland: Hughes, Bennett, Kimber (Wykes), McKnight, Watts, Smith, (Perry), Piggott (1), Lavan (1), Johnson, Woods (2), Cacciola (1).

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Slater, Mmir, Stuart, Toly, Spresian (Gray), Aldridge, Smit, Polotto (1), Grass.

Polonia v.

Granville 1-4

This match will be remembered for its missed penalties as neither team was able to convert the three spotkicks awarded.

It was a rugged match starting with Polonia pounding Granville in the early stages to eventually take the lead within 15 minutes. Mal O'Neill hit the crossbar before Les Schauman equalised just before half-time.

With Granville leading 2-1 Polonia squandered a penalty that could have levelled the score and Granville frittered away another penalty soon after. Granville's tenacity enabled them to score two more goals for a comfortable win.

Granville: Maher, Crely, Biglands (1), Williams, Staunton, Gippert, Lee, Loftus (1), Schauman (2), Brown, O'Neill (Rutley).

Polonia: Mikolajczek, Round, Zunis, Komoder, Syrek (Brown), Polewski, Skoric, Schmidt, Seaton, Wozniczko (1), Chodkiewicz.

Melita Eagles v.

Balgownie 2-1

In their first game in Second Division, Melita could only manage a narrow 2-1 victory despite a big territorial advantage.

Balgownie took the initiative at the start and scored within five minutes, but just before half-time Les Galico equalised for the Eagles.

In the second half, Melita were in command, and although Tony Edwards notched the winning goal with a scorching drive from long range, Melita could have won with a much bigger margin had they been more accurate.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Edwards (1), Knaus, McAlister (Duffy), D. McAusland, J. McAusland, Hoare, Galico (1), Molyneux, Cunningham, Hennessy.

Manly v.

Bankstown 2-1

In a fast, exciting game, Manly downed a youthful Bankstown United with all three goals coming in the first half.

Bankstown were first to score when Chris Martin, playing with a broken nose, outfoxed the Manly defence to give his side the lead.

However, Manly came back with two quick goals to lead at half-time.

Manly dominated the second half, although Bankstown could have at least snatched a point when Martin hit the crossbar, and Roberts' header missed only by inches.

Bankstown: Miller, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Mullan, Maughan, Madden, Roberts, Deller, Martin (1), Jankowski, Hoare.

THIS WEEK

There could be some surprising results this weekend as the stronger teams meet each other.

Best match of the week should be at Bankstown Centre where Bankstown meet the confident Sutherland.

Sutherland should start favorites to beat the youthful Bankstown.

Another hard-fought tussle should develop at Balgownie Oval where the Magpies entertain the Seaside.

The Melita-Granville clash at Macarthur Park should attract a big crowd to Granville, and following Granville's showing last week, this could be another cliff-hanger.

In other matches Guildford could get their first point of the season against NS-Inter, while Polonia should win against Artarmon, and Corinthians and Concordia may play a draw.

Queens Park secretary Jim Eve has plugged the weak spots left by earlier departure of some of the leading players of the club, and it is now within their capacity to earn an upset result.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

On the eve of the opening of the new State League season few will challenge the opinion that half the clubs seem reasonably well prepared to bid for the title, while the remainder may be kept busy during the season trying to steer themselves clear of relegation or battling it out for four Ampol Cup berths in 1972.

This is my verdict on the clubs and their prospects for the 1971 league season:

JUVENTUS: Although the reigning champions they are not the smooth running side one would expect, and their squander-bug attack must make better use of gilt-edged chances to score if they have designs on retaining the title.

MELBOURNE-HSC: Runners-up last year without having a great side they were, however, well steered and driven by Rale Rasic. Now under Ken Kontra, only time will tell if they are to do as well. They have one or two glaring weaknesses, but chances are the gaps will be plugged effectively soon.

JUST: Bugged down with a desire to win with the short-passing game at which they are experts, but if they are bent on success, then they must vary their style of play more, instead of their persistent pattern-weaving.

CROATIA: Dedicated to win with their go-ahead open style play, they are, however, inclined on occasions to throw caution to the wind, and carelessly forfeit vital points.

SM-HELLAS: With four title wins in five years behind them they have in the last two seasons dropped well out of the reckoning. On paper they have had a formidable line-up, but lack of dedication by some players and a general all-round inconsistency has killed off their chances.

WILHELMINA: Titleless since 1959, they have only made one appearance in the "top four" since 1963, and this in itself is no cause for elation about their prospects this season. Nevertheless, they don't discourage easily and, at home, they are a hard side to beat.

HAKOAH: Unlikely with the moderate line-up they possess to be serious challengers for the title, but should not be unduly worried about retaining their status.

POLONIA: The "dry-up" of imports from Poland over the past five to six years is obviously the main reason for their decline. A team of triers, the handicap of having about two-thirds of their side composed of local talent is too great against the experienced opposition of other teams.

LIONS: Have been usually hovering near the bottom at the end of the season. Having lost the bulk of their best players over the past 18 months and with few adequate replacements, no real improvement can be expected.

BOX HILL: Lack of class and pace are two main attributes they fall well short of before swinging into action for their first match.

GEORGE CROSS: Once ranked among the greats of Victorian and Australian soccer, they have declined to an alarming extent through having too few good class players. Their 1971 prospects are as dim as ever.

ALEXANDER: Three spells in the State League since 1964 which means they have been relegated twice and they have never finished higher than third placing from the bottom. Have made plenty of wild promises in the past and imported many mediocre Greek players with no improvement, and cannot be taken seriously.

— JIM COOK

State Cup enters the second round

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Injury to centre-forward Brian Jeffs is one of the difficulties plaguing West Sutherland in their quest for a win over Belmore this weekend, and for a place in preliminary third round of the State Cup, which will be played on Easter Monday.

West Sutherland has five other players on the injury list, so they blooded some of their younger talent in the trial against Rosebery Rhodes last Sunday.

Bill Hodges, the West Sutherland coach, says that six of his younger players are amongst the most talented he has ever seen in Sydney.

A number of the club players went across to the Sutherland Federation club this year, but the lads are there to replace these with a new batch.

In the Association ranks alone, without counting representative teams and teams outside the Association competitions, there are 437 teams in Sutherland Shire this year, and there is more backing for senior football than ever before.

In the Saturday matches this week Newtown Progressives' all round skill is likely to give them a win over Warringah, as the latter are not yet a shadow of their former selves.

Marrickville v. Arncliffe Scots is a most interesting fixture.

Arncliffe Scots will be surely tested in this tie, but rumor has it that Arncliffe

has been prospecting in London for a couple of key players, but not much has been said on this score as yet.

Lane Cove is sure to test Northern Districts, but the latter should come out on top.

They have adequate replacements for losses such as solid goalkeeper Jim Campbell and the hard-running John Hughes.

Norths' president, Eric McGraw, after plenty of negotiations with the district association, has formed under-15, 16, and 17 years teams to provide a better stream of players to the club.

REVESBY THREAT

Third Division Federation club Revesby Workers, a big threat for a place in the premiership final four, could account for Campbelltown on Sunday.

The Workers have all the attributes of a club going places, and have built their side with strength in all positions, and real specialists in the vital wing berths.

After their first couple of trial runs, Chelsea has settled down to play some

of the style of soccer that they are capable of, and it requires little imagination to see them ahead of the very keen, but inexperienced Kogarah Waratahs.

The pressure in this match could be on the Waratah defence, and they will be looking to the stocky, experienced Clive Lee to marshal his fellow defenders to good effect.

STYLISH ENMORE

Condell Park, surprise conquerors of the somewhat spirited Riverside, face up to the Greek Enmore club in another Sunday tie.

It is a bit much to see them countering Enmore's stylish attack, but they are good money for making a real attempt to do so.

Bondi, surprise first round eliminators of North Bankstown, are entitled to be favorites against another British-based team, Queens Park.

Queens Park secretary Jim Eve has plugged the weak spots left by earlier departure of some of the leading players of the club, and it is now within their capacity to earn an upset result.

First round Victorian draw

Friday, March 26: Juventus-Wilhelmina (Olympic Park).

Saturday, March 27: Box Hill-Alexander (Wembley Park).

Melbourne-Polonia (Olympic Park).

Sunday, March 28: Lions-SM-Hellas (Montgomery Park).

George Cross-JUST (Schintler Reserve).

Hakoah-Croatia (Middle Park).

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION PROVINCIALS TO STRETCH LEADERS

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

After two rounds, only Sutherland has emerged with its record fully intact to head the competition table by one point with a mammoth goal average.

By holding Melita Eagles to a draw, Granville emerged as one of the toughest teams to beat this season, while Guildford's effortless victory over NS-Inter was quite a reversal of form from the previous week.

The highlights of last weekend's matches:

Granville v. Melita Eagles 1-1

A crowd of 600 saw a rugged and entertaining game with plenty of spills and thrills, particularly in the first half.

Melita, against stubborn and unyielding opposition, fell short of their early promise through lack of strikers, and this was pretty evident as their solitary goal was scored by defender Tony Edwards in a brilliant solo effort.

Edwards swept up the right flank, tore through the Granville defence before he let go with a fierce drive that gave Maher no chance to save.

Granville hit back before the half-time break when Mal O'Neill capitalised on a defensive mistake to level the score.

Granville: Maher, Credly, Biglands, Williams, Staunton, Brown, Lee, Loftus, Schaumann, Gippert, (Miranda), O'Neill (1).

Melita Eagles: Hozowski, Knaus, Edwards (1), Cunningham, D. McAusland, Duffy, Hoare, Gath-ercole, Molyneux, Hennessy, J. McAusland (McDougal).

Bankstown v. Sutherland 0-5

Sutherland went to the top of the table with a brilliant effort which could not be faulted.

Bankstown had no answer to Sutherland's precision machine.

The Towns never stopped trying, but Sutherland, in complete control of the game, had too many big guns.

It was a great team effort but 16-year-old left half Paul Smith and 17-year-old left back Peter Wykes were quite outstanding for the winners.

Sutherland: Hughes, Bennett, Wykes, MacKnight, Watts, Smith, Piggott, Lavan (1), Johnson (1), (Suggett), Woods (1), Caciola (2).

Bankstown: Miller, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Maughan, G. Giacometti (White), Roberts, Adams, Farrell, Mullen, Hoare.

Balgownie v. Manly 1-1

Two goals scored in the final 10 minutes provided an exciting finale to a thrilling match which could have gone either way.

Generally, Manly had the bigger midfield domination, but they frittered away many chances.

Balgownie drew first blood when Erroll Freeme capitalised on a defensive misunderstanding and nipped the ball into the net in the 80th minute.

Manly equalised with only three minutes to spare when Bobby Jones netted.

Manly: Gee, Russell, G. Jones, Myron, Hutchinson, Crawford, Woods, Hughes, McGill, Stroud, R. Jones (1).

Artarmon v. Polonia 1-3

Polonia led 2-0 at half-time with both goals scored as a result of freekicks.

The game was fast and rugged and Artarmon for a period early in the second half came back fighting to reduce the leadway through

replacement forward Bobby Seaborn.

However, Polonia soon regained control and Richard Krawarz, back in the team, sealed the result with a superb goal midway through the second half.

Artarmon: Mula, Nacinovic, Cole, Quinn, McGuinness (Amor), McAlpine, Harding, Wilson (Seaborn 1), Morgan, Williams.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round (1), Zunis, Nowacki, Starek, Komoder (1), Skorik, Cannizzari, Krawarz (1), Szmidt, Wozniczko.

NS-Inter v. Guildford 0-4

Changing their style of football, Guildford completely dominated the midfield, had more cohesion between attack and defence and were much sharper.

Bill Shepherd, the former Granville striker, scored two good goals — one from a penalty — and laid out the third.

Inter didn't click all day, and the only time they looked like scoring was when Adrian Smit cracked in a shot from close range, only to see his effort thwarted by a spectacular save by Robbie Hoskins.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Slater, Muir, Stuart, Torry, Spresian, Aldridge, Smit, Poletto, Grass.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Brincat, Jack, Lowe, Wood, Schofield (Northcott), Shepherd (2), Hann (1), Williams (1).

Concordia v. Corinthians 3-3

Despite the signing of Joe Cilia and Duncan Wilson during the week, Corinthians could only take one point in a game of fluctuating fortunes.

Concordia: Wupper, Uhl, Nator, Woznica, Tassmer, Fojlin, Kappacher, Erasmus (1), Tamekowski, Franjevic (1), Somer (1).

Corinthians: Wilson, Smith (o.g.), Haggott, Cooper, Cilia, Jagger, Cairns (2), Collins, Potter, Barnett (1), Watkins (John-son).



TONY KOMODER
(Polonia)

After an initial outburst by Concordia in the opening minutes, Corinthians took control for most of the first half to lead 3-1 at the break.

However, they faltered badly in the second period and allowed Concordia to score two goals in the opening four minutes.

Two goals by Michael Cairns put Corinthians in a commanding position, but Somer and Erasmus gave Concordia the split of the points.

Concordia: Wupper, Uhl, Nator, Woznica, Tassmer, Fojlin, Kappacher, Erasmus (1), Tamekowski, Franjevic (1), Somer (1).

Corinthians: Wilson, Smith (o.g.), Haggott, Cooper, Cilia, Jagger, Cairns (2), Collins, Potter, Barnett (1), Watkins (John-son).

THIS WEEK

The main feature of the coming weekend is the clash between Sutherland and Balgownie at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday.

Balgownie should never be underestimated, but Sutherland are bubbling with confidence and are in no mood to give anything away.

Against Granville, Manly should start slight favorites.

In other matches, Polonia should take the points narrowly against Concordia, Bankstown register their first win by beating NS-Inter, while Melita may be too strong for Artarmon.

Corinthians, strengthened by new signings, should be too experienced for the determined Guildford.

Adelaide Ampol Cup

In the South Australian Ampol Cup semifinals Victoria scored an upset 4-2 win against Juventus and WA-Hellas played a 1-1 draw with Lion.

The final will be played next Friday and the championship will kick-off on April 17.

QUEENSLAND RESULTS

Merton v. Grange-Thistle 5-2, Agurri v. St. Helens 1-1, Latrobe v. Hellenic 4-1, Hollandia v. Polonia 4-1, Coasters v. Wynnum 5-1.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The first leg of the Inter-City Cup final between Croatia and Sydney's Western Suburbs should pull out a big crowd at Olympic Park this Friday night.

The match has an added attraction for Victorian fans.

For the capable and experienced line-up of Western Suburbs includes three former and well-known State League players in George Kinnell (ex-Juventus), Wim Spiekerman (ex-Wilhelmina) and Archie Blue (ex-Slavia and JUST).

The teams have all the ingredients to make this clash a crowd-pleasing sizzler.

Without underestimating Western Suburbs, I feel that Croatia, with the undoubted support of the home crowd, will win.

Likely teams:

Croatia (from): Kovacek, Wixey, Williams, Rau, Gunn, McArthur, McIntyre, Turnicar, Vojtek, MacKay, Clarke, Rajher.

Western Suburbs: Kelly, Van Blerk, Hargreaves, Johnston, Kinnell, Blue, Thomas (Bijkerk), Guildea, Turner, Spiekerman, Pont (Hindmarsh).

State League soccer (second round) returns to the split round this weekend with three games Saturday and three on Sunday.

The full fixture is:

Saturday: Melbourne v. George Cross (Middle Park).

JUST v. Box Hill (Schindler Reserve).

Alexander v. Hakoah (Olympic Park).

Sunday:

Croatia v. Lions (Olympic Park).

SM Hellas v. Juventus (Middle Park).

Wilhelmina v. Polonia (Ringwood).

Last week's State League results: Juventus 1 (Webster) d. Wilhelmina 0, SM Hellas 3 (Armstrong, Gorrie, Kokkios) d. Lions 0, Croatia 2 (Turnicar, Ajalica) d. Hakoah 0, JUST 6 (Buljevic 3, Zoraja 2, Miele) d. George Cross 1 (Epifano), Box Hill 3 (Atkins 2, Coles) d. Alexander 2 (Tayriannos, Bligoursas), Melbourne-HSC 1 (Wallace) v. Polonia 1 (Kowalec).

The four 12-club leagues of the Metropolitan set-up kick off this Saturday with a full program and Slavia, out of the State League for the first time since it was instituted, have a tough opening game in the First Division when they travel to play Dandenong who were runners-up in this Division last season.

Division I: Dandenong City v. Slavia, Elwood Austria v. Preston Makedonia, Keilor City v. Ringwood United, Altona City v. Prahran City, Sunshine City v. Springvale, Yallourn v. Frankston City.

Division II: Coburg v. Richmond, Mooroolbark v. Albion Rovers, Green Gully Ajax v. St. Albans, Princes Park Hercules v. Brighton, Waverley City v. Moreland, Sandringham City v. Western Suburbs TCI.

Division III: Triestina v. Oakleigh Athena, Fern-tree Gully v. North Carlton Olympic, Chelsea v. E. Melbourne Helvetic, Ballarat v. Croydon, Heidelberg v. Park Rangers.

Division IV: Clayton v. Bayswater, Univ. of Melbourne v. Broadmeadows City, South Yarra v. Mornington, Doncaster Rovers v. Monash Uni., Eltham v. Moorabbin, Newport v. Rosebud.

— JIM COOK

AMATEURS START THIS WEEKEND

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

This weekend heralds the start of the new Federation Third Division, as well as the premiership competitions for Inter-Suburban Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

Following their State Cup loss to Lane Cove, Northern Districts are not a certainty to win the Third Division.

However, they must still be favorites by a narrow margin from Revesby Workers, Banks City and the somewhat underrated Wentworthville.

Inter Suburban Division I leaders could be University of NSW and Rosebery Rhodes, with Wales the favorite.

Condell Park and Gladesville Ravens should also reach the final four.

Division II has all the hallmarks of being an excellent, well-balanced competition.

Chelsea is our pick, with Queens Park as the big threat. Little has been heard yet of Sydney University, but if they can harness the talent at the University they could, and indeed should, be a threat to the leaders.

Third Division standard is bound to be well above what might be expected.

Greenwich is our choice, followed by Kogarah Waratah, Eastwood Town, and Arncliffe RSL.

DIV. III

DRAW

The draw this week:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Marrickville — Cahill Park, Banks City v. Campbelltown — Soccer Centre.

Sunday: Balmore v. Revesby Workers — Rudd Park, Wentworthville v. Northern Districts — Jones Park, Emmore v. Banks City — Mackay Park, Lane Cove v. West Sutherland — Putney Green.

INTER-SUBURBAN PROGRAM

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Gladesville Ravens v. Riverdale — Peel Park, Rosebery Rhodes v. Warringah Seals — Turrawill Park, Bondi v. Lidcombe — Waverley Oval 1, Auburn Juniors v. Nepean — Progress Park, Sydney Uni. v. Queens Park — St. Paul's Oval, Greenwich v. Thornleigh — Gore Creek Reserve, Kogarah v. Greenacre — Todd Park, Kuring-gai v. Macquarie Uni. — Asquith Oval.

Sunday: Condell Park v. South Sydney — Soccer Centre, Uni. NSW v. Kewpies — Phillips Field, One Why v. Maroubra — Dee Why Oval, Blacktown v. West Ryde — Francis Park, Fairfield v. Chelsea — Knights Park, Liverpool v. Arncliffe RSL — Jordine Park, Padstow Park v. West St. George — Kelsa No. 10, Eastwood v. Tonggabbie — Eastwood Oval.

State Cup shocks in second round

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Mike Horigan scored all Queens Park's goals in their 3-1 win over Bondi Marines, conqueror of Federation Third Division North Bankstown.

The match was in the Second Preliminary Round of the State Cup, and Queens Park journeyed on to the third round on Easter Monday, April 12.

Horigan's goals celebrated the return of his parents from England, as they were just back in time to see the game.

His first goal came in the fifth minute from a fine header, and Bondi equalised about the 30th minute with a breakthrough along the centre.

A scorching shot from Horigan brought the half time score to 2-1.

Bondi moved strongly early after the break, but then their pace dropped.

At 75 minutes Horigan scored from another header, and the game was all over in Queens Park's favor, much

to the pleasure of enthusiastic club president, John Eve.

At Mackey Park on Sunday Emmore's skillful side gained a 3-2 win after Condell Park had dictated play in the first half to gain a 2-0 lead.

Condell Park's hard tackling and bustling paid off for a time, but when Emmore began pushing the ball around they went out ahead to take the game.

BIG UPSET

The biggest upset in Round II was Lane Cove's 4-2 win over Northern Districts.

Lane Cove was two down in 20 minutes, but went to the break at 1-2, following a penalty by Brian Athey.

Northern were gradually worn down, and in the 55th minute Alec Cross slammed in from a direct free kick.

Lane Cove moved ahead to 3-2, and then Cross centred from the left for Brian Athey to score again.

Goalkeeper Tony Spragg had a very good match, and on one occasion he changed direction in a flash to make a colossal save.

IN FORM

Kogarah Waratah were in form to knock Chelsea out with a 1-0 win.

The only goal came from a square pass from Graham Spinks to Paul Franks.

Franks attempted to shoot, but deflected the ball on to Ken Lee, who skillfully chipped the ball over the keeper into the net.

Revesby downed Campbelltown 2-1 in an entertaining match, the scorers for Revesby being Ron Moody and Brian Ricketts.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

1 (0)
Thompson 49 min.

Marconi

5 (0)
Richards 52 min. (penalty),
Cudek 60, 83 and 87 mins.,
Santoro 89 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (2)
H. Xipolitis 5 min., D.
Harding 28 min.

Auburn

1 (0)
Rogers 78 min.

South Sydney

2 (0)
M. Harris 56 and 75 mins.

Prague

0 (0)

Ryde

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (0)
Keddie 56 min., Rutherford
85 min.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

St. George

5 (3)
Denton 5 min., Warren 18
and 74 mins., Abonyi 44
min. (penalty), Hughes 76
min. (own goal).

Sth. Coast

3 (2)
Harvey 10 min., Tolson
32 and 69 mins.

WESTS

3 (0)
Turner 51 and 66 mins.,
Byles 72 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Hawthorne 4, Whitehead 4, Raeburn 3, Zivkovic
4, J. Xipolitis (sent off 52 min.), Hardy 3, Mullen 2,
Romanos 3, Thompson 4, Bamforth 3 (Lowry half-
time, 2), Kerklaan 2 (Harris 76 min.).

TOTAL: 32. Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Match rating: * * *

Murray 3, Robertson 3, Curran 4, Richards 4,
Moschen 5, Scheinflug 4, Danajevits 3, Cudek 4,
Connolly 3, Santoro 3, Griffiths 2.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Maglis 3, Hanson 3, Hignett 3, Barboutis 3,
H. Xipolitis 4, Wetton 4, Smith 4, Thorne 4,
McCulloch 5, Harding 4, Clarke 3 (Culleton 82
min.).

TOTAL: 40. Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * * *

Taylor 3, Hawkins 3, Powell 3, Craggs 3,
Selfridge 3, Di Santi 4, Malone 4, McDonald 3
(Sider 83 min.), Rogers 4, Simpson 3, Schneider 3
(K. Edwards 63 min.).

TOTAL: 36. Coach: B. Slater.

Corry 4, Campbell 4, Shepherd 4, Ross 3,
Clarke 3, Wright 4, F. Cuth 4, Thomson 2, Harris
3, Doyle 3, Trail 2 (Taylor 4).

TOTAL: 36. Coach: R. Foster.

Match rating: * * *

King 4, Harcombe 4, Henderson 3, Pedersen 2,
Zeman 3, Rootsey 4, Blanco 3, Butler 3, Manuel 3,
Rooney 3, Weir 2.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: M. Mazzina.

Cajkusic 4, Trkulja 4, F. Rudic 3, Nacinovic 3,
Bakovic 4, Waters 4, J. Alagich 3, M. Alagich 2,
Brakovic 3, Takac 2, Dickinson (Lila 31 min. 2).

TOTAL: 34. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Fuzes 4, Davey 3, Marnoch 4, Hillsdon 4,
Gardiner 3, Watkiss 4, Rutherford 4, Muniz 2,
Keddie 2, Baartz 3, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: C. Fleming.

McQuire 3, Keith 2, Ackerley 3, Hughes 3,
Bird 2 (McGillivray 2), Russell 4, Blues 4, Camp-
bell 3, McKinnon 3, Forster 2 (Smith 2), Madrusan 2.

TOTAL: 31. Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * *

Reilly 4, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 4,
Williams 4, Sandell 4, Ainslie 4 (replaced by Camp-
bell 50 min.), Abonyi 4, Warren 5, Alston 4, Denton 4.

TOTAL: 45. Coach: Z. Rasie.

Ramage 3, Gleeson 3, Cuthbert 5, Walker 4,
Wilson 3, Carr 4, McAvoy 3 (Stewart 73 min.),
Grucic 3, Tolson 5, Harvey 4, McGunnigle 3 (Gal-
braith 70 min.).

TOTAL: 40. Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * *

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 3, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4,
G. Smith 3, Blue 4, Pont 4 (Kinnell 4), Guildea 4,
Turner 4, Byles 4, Jack 4 (Spiekerman 4).

TOTAL: 40. Coach: T. Dawson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The score does not tell the story. Canterbury were very much in the game until they conceded a penalty which Richards converted in the 52nd minute to level the score at 1-1. To make things worse for the Berries, John Xipolitis received his marching orders for disputing the penalty. Canterbury, who had actually been the better team until the penalty, then folded up and were easy prey for Marconi. The visitors, however, were not particularly impressive despite the scoreline and it is significant that their best player was stopper Moschen, who held his defence together when Canterbury were pressing in the first half. Apart from the penalty, the Berries were also unlucky to concede Cudek's second goal from an offside position. Canterbury's lone goal also looked suspiciously off-side.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 1,205.

— LOU GAUTIER

The moral in this one for Pan Hellenic is that, no matter how far ahead you are in football, you have to keep scoring. After brilliant goals by H. Xipolitis and Harding, and all the lead-up work in the world by Smith and Thorne, and after dominating the play for 75 minutes, Pan Hellenic almost let this one slip through their fingers. Auburn brought on Edwards and Sidey, and could have forced a draw even though it would have been a travesty of justice. Pan Hellenic's defence at times seemed a bit slow, but the forwards were in rare touch for the entire first half. Make no mistake, Joe Vlasits has Pan Hellenic moving so well that it is impossible to believe that this is virtually the same team as last year.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 2,804.

— KEITH GILMOUR

South Sydney deserved to win after they lifted their game in the second half. With an ounce of luck, Prague could have taken a point as three times during the proceedings they hit the woodwork with Corry well and truly beaten. However, despite the midfield prodigies of Rootsey and Blanco, their attack was pretty well subdued by the hard-tackling Souths' defence which played well under pressure. Englishman Mick Harris booted in two good goals — one from a freekick — but the South Sydney attack started to function only when David Taylor was brought in during the second half. Prague had their share of the attacking in both halves, but their finishing was poor, and it was here they lost the match.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 661.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Neither team was able to confirm the rave notices earned in their previous matches. Hakoah played without very much flair and, for some time, seemed unable to find the key to Ryde's packed defence. Had they used their wings more — where both goals came from — perhaps the result and the spectacle would have been different. Ryde, for their part, were incoherent and sometimes even indolent. The inclusion of Brakovic slowed down their attack, and once again too many Ryde players busied themselves with such niceties of the game as arguing among themselves. Even the fighting spirit of many Ryde players was strangely absent thus making it relatively easy for an uninspiring Hakoah to collect the points without much trouble.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 3,154.

— PAUL DEAN

Saints' superiority was such that after five minutes, when Denton opened the scoring, there was never any more doubt about the outcome. A strangely subdued A.P.I.A. had no answer for their opponents' individual skill, precision passes and first-class teamwork. The match was so one-sided, that it unfortunately robbed proceedings of any sort of competitive spirit. There wasn't one weak spot in the well-oiled St. George machine, but if one has to single out one player, it must be captain John Warren, who was at his dynamic best. On this display it is easy to see how Saints swept all before them in Asia. In a badly outclassed A.P.I.A. side, only John Russell and George Blues escaped a mauling.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 4,468.

— LOU GAUTIER

West's were decidedly lucky to snatch a point after surviving a first half hammering. In fact, they can thank Peter Wilson for their draw because it was the Australian international who gave them their second goal when he played back to George Ramage, but the pass was much too short, and Brian Turner nipped in to score. Wests came back strongly in the second half when they brought on their stars Wim Spiekerman and George Kinnell — and what a difference they made to Wests' attack, especially Spiekerman, who was the inspiration behind the first and third goals! Wests almost paid the penalty for being too complacent when they rested this talented pair in the first half.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 2,358.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wests	2	1	—	13	3	5
South Sydney	2	1	—	12	4	5
Prague	2	1	—	11	5	4
Hakoah	2	1	—	9	5	5
SCU	1	2	—	7	5	4
St. George	1	2	—	4	3	4
A.P.I.A.	1	1	—	5	3	3
Canterbury	—	2	1	4	11	2
Auburn	—	1	2	1	5	2
Marconi	—	1	2	4	11	1
Pan Hellenic	—	—	3	1	9	—

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	3	—	—	8	1	6
Prague	3	—	—	7	2	6
Ryde	2	1	—	5	3	5
South Sydney	2	—	1	10	5	4
Hakoah	2	—	1	5	4	4
Wests	—	3	—	3	3	3
Marconi	1	1	1	4	5	3
St. George	1	—	2	5	2	2
SCU	1	—	2	2	5	1
Canterbury	—	3	3	11	—	—
Pan Hellenic	—	3	1	11	—	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	—	—	14	3	6
Graville	2	1	—	7	3	5
Melita Eagles	2	—	—	6	3	5
Corinthians	2	—	1	5	4	4
Polonia	2	—	1	3	5	4
Concordia	1	1	1	7	8	3
Manly	1	1	1	4	4	3
Guilford	1	—	2	3	2	2
Bankstown	—	1	2	4	7	1
Balgownie	—	1	2	4	7	1
Artarmon	—	1	2	4	7	1
NS-Inter	—	3	1	11	—	—

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	2	1	—	9	3	5
Bankstown	2	1	—	6	3	5
Polonia	2	—	1	13	6	4
Graville	2	—	1	10	7	4
Guilford	2	—	1	8	7	4
Concordia	2	—	1	7	12	4
Sutherland	1	1	1	7	5	3
Artarmon	1	1	1	5	6	3
Manly	1	—	1	3	8	3
Melita Eagles	1	—	2	4	9	1
Corinthians	—	3	3	6	—	—
NS-Inter	—	3	3	10	—	—

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	3	—	—	6	2	4
Bankstown	2	—	1	8	2	4
Artarmon	2	—	1	6	2	4
Corinthians	2	—	1	3	4	4
Graville	2	—	1	5	3	4
Guilford	1	1	1	5	3	4
Balgownie	1	1	1	3	10	3
NS-Inter	1	—	2	11	9	2
Polonia	1	—	2	11	9	2
Melita Eagles	1	—	2	3	1	1
Sutherland	—	1	2	3	1	1
Concordia	—	3	1	21	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	1	—	4	—	—	2
Enmore	1	—	2	—	—	2
Arndcliffe Scots	1	—	2	—	—	2
Belmore	1	—	2	—	—	2
W. Sutherland	1	—	2	—	—	2
Nth. Districts	1	—	2	—	—	2
Wentworth	1	—	2	—	—	2
Marrickville	—	1	2	—	—	2
Rev. Workers	—	1	2	—	—	2
Lane Cove	—	1	2	—	—	2
N. Bankstown	—	1	2	—	—	2
Campbelltown	—	1	2	—	—	2

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. NSW	1	—	7	—	—	2
Condell Park	1	—	4	—	—	2
Rosebery	1	—	2	—	—	2
G'ville Ravens	—	1	2	—	—	2
Riverside	—	1	2	—	—	2
Warrington	—	1	1	—	—	4
South Sydney	—	1	1	—	—	4
Kewpie	—	1	7	—	—	—

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bendi	1	—	8	—	—	2
Napier	1	—	5	—	—	2
Chiswick	1	—	5	—	—	2
West Ryde	1	—	2	—	—	2
Maroubra	1	—	5	—	—	2
Queens Park	1	—	2	—	—	2
Sydney Uni.	—	1	2	—	—	2
Dec. Why	—	1	2	—	—	2
Blacktown	—	1	2	—	—	2
Fairfield	—	1	2	—	—	2
Auburn	—	1	2	—	—	2
Lidcombe	—	1	8	—	—	—

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arndcliffe RSL	1	—	7	—	—	2
W. St. George	1	—	3	—	—	2
Macquarie Uni.	1	—	3	—	—	2
Grosvick	1	—	6	—	—	2
Kogarah	1	—	4	—	—	2
Eastwood	1	—	5	—	—	2
Toongabbie	—	1	2	—	—	5
Greenacre	—	1	1	—	—	4
Thornleigh	—	1	6	—	—	—
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	2	—	—	3
Pedestown Pk	—	1	3	—	—	—
Liverpool	—	1	7	—	—	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
(Second and Third Grades)						
Pan Hellenic v. Auburn	0	1	0	4	—	—
St. George v. Prague	1	2	0	2	—	—
Canterbury v. Marconi	2	2	1	2	—	—
A.P.I.A. v. St. George	1	1	2	1	—	—
SCU v. Wests	3	3	1	1	—	—
Ryde v. Hakoah	1	4	1	0	—	—

SECOND DIVISION (All Grades)					
Polonia v. Con'dia	4-0	9-1	11-0		
Manly v. Granville	1-2	5-4	3-1		
Sutherland v. Balgownie	4-2	2-2	0-0		
NS-Inter v. Banks	0-2	1-3	0-0		
Melita v. Artarmon	3-1	3-3	1-0		
G'ford v. Corinth	0-4	3-2	0-2		
— Macquarie University					

WESTS AFTER SCALP OF STAR-STUDDED CROATIA

Western Suburbs, still undefeated in this their initial season in Sydney First Division, have a chance to add to their fame this week they take on Croatia-Melbourne in the return leg of the Inter-City Ampol Cup final on Wednesday night.

Although outplayed, and decidedly lucky to come away with a 1-1 draw from Melbourne last Friday, Wests stand a good chance of forcing the decision tonight.

Croatia play attractive football and swept all before them in this year's Victorian Ampol Cup, but Wests have some trumps of their own in goalie Kelly, stopper Kinnell, who was injured last week, Spiekerman, Archie Blue, and the exciting young Brian Turner, who could prove the match-winner tonight.

The largely pro-Croatian crowd is certain to give the Victorians great vocal support, particularly to Billy Vojtek, who will be keen to show his ability to the Sydney public.

Here is some background information on the visitors:

AMALGAMATION

Croatia-Melbourne were formed in 1953 with some assistance from the late Harry Dockerty, who for several decades was the president of the Victorian Soccer Association.

Croatia moved into the State League in 1963 after amalgamating with Croat, but were relegated the same season, and on their return to the State League in 1964 they were boosted by many top class imports.

Since then, they have never looked back, never finished lower than halfway on the State League ladder, have been four times in the "final four", capped a great year in 1968 when they won the State League title, Dockerty and Ampol Cups.

And in 1969 they again won the Dockerty Cup.

An ambitious team with a go-ahead management, Croatia have, in the past few years, always given the public value for their money, and they have gained much admiration among the floating fans in

Victorian soccer by holding on to their two great stars — Jim Mackay and Billy Vojtek.

Reasonably well supported and with a very generous patronage, they never seem to have any real financial problems.

One important factor too which has helped breed their success — they have a reasonably good side and stick to it.

Seldom, if ever, have Croatia panicked and rung the changes in their lineup.

Apart from Mackay and Vojtek, who are well known to fans throughout Australia and need no introduction, Croatia can call on several other classy players.

They have an excellent pair of goalies in Mike Kovacek and the experienced Dieter Voigt (ex-Juventus, Richmond and Lions) and one of their key men in defence is Brian Williams, a Welshman.

Croatia's longest-serving player is the German-born Horst Rau, who joined them from FC Heidenheim in 1963.

Another exciting player is winghalf Billy McArthur, once a provisional signing for Glasgow Rangers.

Stopper Hugh Gunn is another Scot who has enjoyed great success since moving to Australia in 1965.

Croatia have converted Billy McIntyre from a midfielder to a pacy right winger who has struck up a match-winning combination with the exciting young Ivan Turnicar, a Croatian.

The club has another Croatian in forward Joe Rahjer, a speedy winger, and their latest acquisition

is yet another Scot, C. Clarke.

Tonight's likely teams are:

Western Suburbs: Kelly, Van Blerk, Hargreaves, Johnston, Smith, Blue, Byles, Guilden, Turner, Kinnell, Spiekerman.

Croatia: Kovacek, Wixey, Williams, Rau, Gunn, McArthur, McIntyre, Turnicar, Vojtek, Mackay, Rahjer.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

RYDE HOLDS SAINTS

A depleted Ryde surprised by holding St. George-Budapest to a 1-1 draw last Wednesday week.

The match, a deferred Round 1 fixture was not particularly inspiring, and the standard left a lot to be desired with Ryde packing their defence and the St. George attack playing unintelligently.

Saints, who scored in the 4th minute, started as if they would sweep Ryde off their feet and played some good stuff for the first 20 minutes or so, but try as they may the were unable to add to the score.

Ryde put up a heroic fight in defence and a typical dashing goal by Joe Alagich in the 42nd minute put them on level terms.

Ryde: Cakusic 5, Trkulja 4, Nacinovic 3, Bakuric 3, F. Rudic 4, M. Alagich 3, J. Alagich 8, Waters 2, Dickenson 2, Takac 5, Liha 3. Total: 37.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

St. George-Budapest: Reilly 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 2, Sandell 4, Ainslie 4, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Alston 3, Denton 3. Total: 37.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Scorers: Abonyi 4 min, for St. George; J. Alagich 42 min, for Ryde.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 2,011.

— LOU GAUTIER

Hellas' Cup

WA-Hellas won their fourth South Australian Ampol Cup with a 2-0 win against Victoria last Friday.

Batchelor (penalty) and Pantelis were the scorers.

READERS' LETTERS

REFEREES TOPS

Being a visitor from interstate on a working holiday, I watched with keen interest both Moscow Dynamo matches and also the semis and final of your Ampol Cup and was most impressed by referees Mr. Rampley and Mr. Boskovic.

One has read a lot recently of Mr. Boskovic, but I would like to say that I was waiting for Lev Yashin's autograph outside the change rooms, when he stated through an interpreter that he felt Mr. Rampley's potential was exceptional, and that both referees should be sent overseas to gain experience.

This to me seemed very sensible, and I would like to add a further suggestion for an interstate change of referees for club matches, as we in the southern capital do not have any officials who measure up to the standard of either of these two men.

With the success of St. George in Japan there will obviously be further tours by clubs, State, and Australia, so why not include these referees?

It is a very valid point, and would certainly improve their already high standard.

Your governing body, which organised the Ampol final series, should be complimented, too. It was very enjoyable.

J. Douglas,
Warrandyte (Vic.).

GLASSHOUSE TYPE

I find the attitude of some daily newspaper sportswriters most irritating and curious.

One fellow in particular damns every club, official and player who wasn't born at the back of Bourke as a "handicap" to our code.

Amazingly, this writer never regards UK migrants as "foreigners" Britain, presumably, still ruling the waves.

Even more amazingly, he is a British migrant himself and has been here one-

fifth of the time of those whom he blasts.

I would have thought that all people living in this country — those born here or those naturalised — are entitled to the same fair treatment.

But if they are not — what sort of superiority complex gives this writer the right to refer to a recent newcomer from UK as a "local boy" (local meaning Australian) and to describe a man, say from Bratislava, a "migrant" despite his 20-odd years in the country?

Are we so poorly off with xenophobes that we have to import them from Britain?

The sooner he gets off his high horse the better. Soccer in Australia belongs to everybody who loves the game; it cannot be the exclusive privilege of any grouping.

And finally, an amusing thought: where would our soccer be if it relied exclusively on British migrant "support"?

J. Jovankovic,
Blacktown.

LOST

Two pairs of spectacles were lost at Marks Field last Sunday during the Ryde v. Hakoah match somewhere between the sixth and tenth rows on the terraces. One pair was in a brown plastic case, the other in a blue imitation leather one. The finder is kindly requested to phone 26-2378.

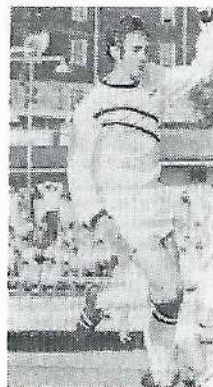
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BRIAN TURNER
(Western Suburbs)

TAME 1-1 DRAW IN MELBOURNE

Croatia-Melbourne can blame their forwards for going into the second leg of the Inter-City Ampol Cup final all square with Western Suburbs instead of having a handy lead.

The Victorian side were so superior in most facets of the game, and especially in the first half last Friday, that when Kuzilek scored after only eight minutes it looked like a sign of things to come.

And although the Croatia defenders had a comparatively easy task in holding the Wests' attack, the MacKay, Vojtek, McIntyre attacking trio left their shooting boots at home and missed several sitters.

Wests never looked like scoring until a harmless cross-cum-job by David Jack in the 68th minute

was completely misjudged by Kovacek in the Croatia goal.

Best players for Wests were Kinnell, Hargreaves, Blue and Pont, while Croatia were best served by Williams, Gunn, Rau and McArthur.

Croatia: Kovacek, Wixey, Williams, Gunn, McArthur, Rau, McIntyre, Kuzilek, Vojtek, McKay, Turnicar. Wests: Kelly, Van Blerk, Hargreaves, Johnston, Kinnell, Blue, Pont, Guilden, Turner, Spiekerman (Byles), Jack.

Referee: Geoff Harrison.

Crowd: 3,052.

— JIM COOK

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results (round 1): Concord v. Viking 9-2, 4-1; Uni. NSW v. Hungaria-Vauchuse 0-1, 5-4; Belfield v. Georges Hall 0-2, 10-0; Riverstone v. Spanish 3-1, 4-2; Broughton v. Glebe 3-1, 4-2. Azzurri-Leichtardt bye.

This week's draw (all matches on Easter Monday): Viking v. Hungaria-Vauchuse (Cintra Park); Glebe v. Uni. NSW (Eastern Park); Spanish v. Belfield (Moore Park); Broughton v. Riverstone (Steel Park); Georges Hall bye, Azzurri v. Concord postponed.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION TOP TEAMS MEET AT GARSIDE PARK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The fierce battle for the Second Division premiership is starting to unfold and after three rounds Sutherland is the only club with maximum points.

With their victory over Manly, Granville are also emerging as championship material, while North Sydney-Inter are still pointless at the bottom of the table.

Features of last week's matches were:

Polonia v.

Concordia 4-0

Polonia were simply too good and dominated the game completely to score two goals in each half, and with a bit of luck, could have recorded a bigger win.

Concordia were without regular goalkeeper Fred Wupper, who broke a wrist and a thumb a week earlier, and they also had centre-half Nazor playing with an injured knee for most of the game.

Richard Krawiarsz had an excellent game for Polonia and Fojtlin was the best for Concordia.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Zunis, Nowacki, Starek, Komoder, Chodkiewicz (1), Szmidt, Gzpel, Krawiarsz (2), Wozniczko (3).

Concordia: Skunka, Woznica, Uhl, Erasmus, Nazor, Fojtlin, Doller, Gassner, Tamiowski, Franjcevic, Somer (Kappacher).

Manly v.
Granville 1-2

Two goals within a minute shortly after the resumption gave Granville a deserved victory over a weakened Manly side.

Granville played good purposeful football in the first half, but it was Manly

who led at the break with a goal by Stroud, who scored off the rebound when Maher couldn't hold Jim Hughes' fierce drive at goal.

Five minutes into the second half Jim Gippert equalised, and a minute later Martin Loftus crashed home the winning goal when he finished off a beautiful movement by Les Schauman.

Manly attacked fiercely in the last 10 minutes, but the tight Granville defence repulsed everything that Manly threw at them.

Manly: Gee, Russell, Gallagher (Boden), Keddie, Hutchinson, Crawford, Pedulla, Hughes, McGill, Stroud (1), R. Jones.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Williams, Staunton, Brown, Lee, Gippert (1), Schauman, Loftus (1), O'Neill.

Guildford v.
Corinthians 0-4

Corinthians were too experienced for newcomers Guildford, and although the first goal was not scored until three minutes before halftime, there was little doubt about the outcome.

Guildford spent most of the match in defence, but once Michael Cairns notched his first goal, Corinthians never looked back.

They dominated the midfield, and Trevor Watkins, the star of the match, on the left wing had a feast laying it on the other forwards to score.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Brinac, Jack, Lowe, Woods, Schofield (Pierce), Shepherd, Hann, Williams (Morley).

Corinthians: Wilson, Smith, Reevesy (Haggett), Cooper, Cilia, Jagger (1), Johnson, Collins, Cairns (2), (Barnett), Potter (1), Watkins.

Melita Eagles v.
Artarmon 3-1

Artarmon gave Melita Eagles a scare when within five minutes John Seaborn put his team in the lead.

Artarmon played well in the first half, and not only kept the Eagles at bay, but could have gone further ahead with an ounce of luck.

However, experience told, and 10 minutes after the break Ian McDougall hit home the equaliser.

Les Gathercole scored two more goals to put the issue beyond doubt.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Edwards, J. MacAusland, D. MacAusland, Duffy, Hoare, Gathercole (2), McDougall (1), Hennessy, Cunningham.

Artarmon: Lamb, Mula, Nacinovich, Cole, Quinn, Amor, Seaborn (1), MacGuinness, Williams, Morgan, McAlpine.

NS-Inter v.
Bankstown 0-2

Two goals in four minutes in the first half gave Bankstown their first points of the season.

Goal of the Week

Jim Gippert's clever flick deceiving the Manly goalkeeper to get Granville the equaliser.

Top Scoring Feet

John Lavan for Sutherland — first hat-trick of the season.

The game was rather scrappy and both sides missed quite a few chances, particularly in the second half.

Inter hit both the up-right and the crossbar while Bankstown had several promising attacks that broke down before they could become effective.

Bankstown had three 16-year-old youngsters in the team — Dellar, Horne and Adams.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Torry (Gray), Delle Costa, Stuart, Mucillo, Poletto, Muir, Smith, Nelas (Sprezzani), Grass.

Bankstown: Miller, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Maughan, Madden, Turnbull, Roberts (Martin), Mander (G. Giacometti), Horne (1), Adams, Dellar (1).

Sutherland v.
Balgownie 4-2

Sutherland's physical superiority was the telling factor in beating Balgownie convincingly at Seymour Shaw Park.

In a hard fought first half, both sides took the lead which was cancelled in each case within five minutes with an equaliser.

Cassey De Here scored after five minutes, but John Lavan equalised in as many minutes before Alan Piggott put Sutherland in front only for Brian Edgely to equalise from a penalty.

Balgownie tired badly after the break and this enabled Sutherland to dictate the pace and control the rest of the game.

Sutherland: Hughes, Bennett, Wykes (Suggett), MacKnight, Watts (Perry), Smith, Piggott (1), Lavan (3), Johnson, Woods, Caciola.

Balgownie: Potter (Holbrow), Davis, Grant, Muhlauer, Orphin, Bradford, Freeman, Hunter (McCullough), Hall, Edgely (1 penalty), De Here (1).

THIS WEEK

The match between Sutherland and Granville at Garside Park has all the ingredients of a first-class thriller.

Against Granville the goal-hungry Sutherland forwards come up against one of the tightest defences in Second Division.

Ground advantage could play a big part in the final result, but Sutherland should win both points.

In other matches, Bankstown could win a close game against Guildford, while Corinthians and Polonia could well play a draw.

Manly should get back on the winning list at Artarmon's expense and Melita should account for Concordia.

Balgownie will probably win their first match of the season when they entertain NS-Inter at Balgownie Oval.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The third Victorian State League round scheduled for this weekend brings the following pairings:

Saturday: Polonia v. SM Hellas (Maribynong); Juventus v. Lions (Olympic Park); Box Hill v. Melbourne (Wembley Park).

Sunday: Hakoah v. JUST (Middle Park); George Cross v. Wilhelmina (Footscray); Alexander v. Croatia (Olympic Park).

Last week's State League results: **JUST 1 (Zoraja)** d. Box Hill 0, Melbourne-HSC 3 (Pocock 2, Scott) d. George Cross 1 (Kelly), Hakoah 1 (Clarey) d. Alexander 0, Croatia 2 (Williams, Vojtek) d. Lions 0, Hellas 1 (Mandalis) v. Juventus 1 (Thomson), Wilhelmina 2 (Pongho, Villers) d. Polonia 1 (Marmur).

Melbourne-HSC have almost a completely new set of officials and management following their recent Annual General Meeting. And the big majority of those elected are successful businessmen. The new president is Lajos Bakacs, chairman is Frank Egry, who was president in 1965-66 and 1967, Andy Kun, who was at the helm for many years, has been made an honorary life president, while Joe Szalay, who has been with the club in several roles for the past 10 years, continues as secretary-manager.

State League soccer has two player awards — Bill Fleming Player of the Year and the Rothmans Gold Medal Award — in 1971.

Reuben Evans, the former Glasgow Rangers player whose career was cut short with George Cross through a recurring injury, and later became coach of the club, recently returned to his native Dublin.

Two former first team Melbourne players — Paul Deeming and Jim McIntyre were recently transferred to Metro First Division side, Sunshine City, for a considerable three-figure fee.

Bobby Evans, the regular Lions first team goalie who has been almost two years in Tasmania, has returned to Melbourne and rejoined the Essendon side.

Ian McCarthy, the talented midfield player of Lions, is up for transfer at his own request. The diminutive McCarthy, who makes up for his lack of inches with his outstanding skill and lion-hearted type of play, came close to winning one of the State League's top player awards last year.

Slavia, in new pastures in the Metro First Division, were groundless until shortly before their opening match of the season. It says a lot for Lions that they agreed to let them share Montgomery Park with them.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Rapid and Ravens in a hard-fought draw

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Riverside Rapids and Gladesville Ravens drew 2-2 in a hard fought encounter at Peel Park, Gladesville, last Sunday in their First Division match.

Ravens were the more dangerous in the opening period and drew first blood when Bob Morton forged the ball on far centre forward Bert Wilcox to score from a typically strong shot.

Riverside goalkeeper Bob Lindsay was kept very busy, and then Riverside's Melita missed from right in front and Bachner hit the woodwork.

Brilliant Riverside forward Krolja scored for his team in the 58th minute and followed up with another goal seven minutes later.

In the 74th minute Carmo attempted to head the ball away, and conceded a penalty in the scuffle that followed.

Ravens captain Eddie Fryer put the ball away for a final 2-2 score.

TUSSLE

Second Division clubs Chelsea and Fairfield Kiev had a great tussle at Knights Park, with Chelsea winning 2-0.

Hughie Tulloch scored a gem of a goal, with an un-

stoppable flying header, and Joe Gormley got the second.

Fairfield had their chances in the first half, but the score was nil-all at the break.

Referee Baldoock had to face up to running both first and reserve grade games in the heat.

The opening game at Eastwood Oval saw Toongabbie scoring early and giving Eastwood Town quite a lesson until the latter settled down.

Eastwood coach Andy Clues had his team playing a very mobile 4-2-4 system, and they settled down to some nice football and a 5-2 win.

Scorers were Jonathan Green, Alan Garrett, Alan Morris and Greg Smith, with one own goal from a shot that hit the upright and rebounded into goal via a Toongabbie defender.

Greenwich, with Dave Calph and Ken Adamson signed for the club, gained a 6-1 win in a good match against Thornleigh.

Fred Hanley linked well with the newcomers, and Greenwich will have a formidable team.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

FIRST DIVISION

G. Ravens v. Riverside 2-2 4-3
Rosedale v. Warringah 4-1 2-3
Uni. NSW v. Kewpie 7-0 0-0
Condell Pk. v. Sh. Syd. 4-1 4-4

SECOND DIVISION

Bondi v. Lidcombe 8-0 10-0
Auburn v. Nepean 0-3 3-1
Syd. Uni. v. Queens Pk. 1-2 2-1
Dee Why v. Maroubra 2-5 3-3
Liverpool v. A'ette RSL 0-7 0-3
Fairfield v. Chelsea 0-2 2-3

THIRD DIVISION

Greenwich v. Thornleigh 6-1 6-1
Kogarah v. Greenore 4-1 7-1
Kuring-gai v. Mac. Uni. 0-2 7-1
Liverpool v. A'ette RSL 0-7 0-3
Padstow v. W. St. Geo. 0-3 1-2
Eastwood v. Toongabbie 5-2 8-1

THIS WEEK'S DRAW:

Saturday, April 10: Sh. Syd. Uni. v. Uni. NSW — Borallee Park; Lidcombe v. Sydney Uni. — Coleman Park; Chelsea v. Blacktown — Moore Park 13; Queens Pk. v. Fairfield — Fairfield Park; Dee Why Oval; Kuring-gai — Thornleigh Oval; Toongabbie v. Padstow Pk. — Girraween Park.

Sunday, April 11: Riverside Rapid v. Newtown — Mahony Oval; Granville v. Kewpie — Galdesville Ravens — Colquhoun Park; Warringah Saints v. Condell Park; Dee Why Oval; Maroubra v. Bondi — Coral Sea Park; Nepean v. Dee Why — Jamieson Park; West. Syd. v. Auburn — Meadowbank 3; Greenore v. Greenwich — Allum Park; Arncliffe RSL v. Kogarah — Arncliffe Park; West St. George v. Liverpool — Sealey Oval; Macquarie Uni. v. Eastwood Town

Sydney Third Division

DASHING START BY BANKS CITY

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Keith Leet, the former Bankstown Inter-District representative, notched Banks City's first goal in their impressive 4-0 win over the strong Campbelltown team at Bankstown Soccer Centre last Saturday.

Campbelltown caused City plenty of trouble in the first half, but their forwards were well smothered by the opposing defence after the interval.

Other scorers for City were David Burke 2, and Ron Hansford 1.

Arncliffe Scots gained a 2-1 win over Marrickville at Cahill Park in another tough contest.

The match was evenly fought, with Arncliffe forced to hold on like grim death for their points.

Terry Nutley and Terry Walker were Arncliffe's scorers.

Top marks went to John Graza in Arncliffe's goal for a very thoughtful display.

At Pottery Green on Sunday, West Sutherland started out chasing shadows, but held on long enough to surprise the strong Lane Cove side by coming away with a 2-1 win.

Richard Dear and Brian Jeffs were West Sutherland's scorers, and centre half Ron Aspin, fullback Eric Davidson and goalkeeper Craig Magill all had a very good game.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

A'cliffe Scots v. Arncliffe 2-1 3-1
Banks City v. Campbelltown 4-0 6-0
Balmore v. Rev. Workers 2-1 3-1
Wentley v. Nth. Districts 3-5 2-2
Enmore v. N. Bankstown 2-0 1-0
Lane Cove v. W. Sutherland 1-2 1-4

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW:

Saturday: Northern Districts v. Balmore — Jenner Road Stadium; Campbelltown v. Wentley Workers — Campbelltown Soccer Centre; ground.

Sunday: Marrickville v. Lane Cove — Mackay Park; North Bankstown v. Banks City — George Green; West Sutherland v. Enmore — Seymour Shaw Pk.

Monday: Revesby Workers v. Arncliffe Scots — Soccer Centre.

STATE CUP DRAW:

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. West Sutherland 1 p.m., Lane Cove v. Revesby Workers 3 p.m. — Mackay Park.
Monday: Newtown v. Kogarah 1 p.m., Enmore v. Queen's Park 3 p.m. — Mackay Park.

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

TABLES

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Hakoah

2 (0)
Keddie 70 min., Yardley 85 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (0)
Tolson 65 min., Gruicic 74 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

South Sydney

2 (1)
M. Harris 44 and 53 mins.

Prague

3 (1)
Armstrong 4 1min., Butler 62 and 89 mins.

Canterbury

1 (1)
Mullen 36 min.

Marconi

2 (0)
Bon 57 min. (penalty), Cudek 66 min.

Ryde

2 (1)
Brajkovic 12 min., J. Alagich 51 min.

St. George

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

WESTS

1 (0)
Turner 79 min. (penalty).

A.P.I.A.

2 (0)
Campbell 68 min., Forster 73 min.

Fuizes 3, Davey 4, Hillsdon 4, Gardiner 3 (Yardley 3), Marnoch 4, Watkiss 3, Rutherford 3, Muniz 2 (Yaeger 70 min.), Keddie 3, Baartz 4, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Ramage 3 (Glover 3), Gleeson 3, Cuthbert 5, Walker 3, Wilson 4, Galbraith 2 (replaced Carr 8 min.), Dunlop 3, Gruicic 4, Tolson 3, Harvey 4, McGinnigle 3.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: J. Harris.

Taylor 4, Hawkins 3, Stewart 4, Strachan 2, Selfridge 3, Di Santi 3 (McFadyen 60 min.), Edwards 2, McDonald 4, Sidey 2, Simpson 4, Schneider 3.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: B. Slater.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 4, Shepherd 4, Carr 3, Thomson 3, Clarke 4, Wright 4, F. Cuth 3, Sullivan 5, Harris 3, Doyle 3, Trail 2.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: N. Shepherd.

King 3, Harcombe 4, Henderson 2, Pedersen 3, Zeman 3, Rootsey 4, Armytage 4, Blanco 4 (Weir 78 min.), G. Manuel 3 (Perry 58 min.), Rooney 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: M. Mazzina.

Match rating: * * *

Hawthorne 3, Whitehead 5, Harris 3, Zivkovic 3, J. Xipolitis 3, Hardy 3, Mullen 3, Romanos 2 (Kerklaan 74 min.), Thompson 3, Bamforth 3, Lowry 3.

TOTAL: 34. Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Murray 4, Robertson 3, Curran 5, Bon 4, Moschen 3, Connolly 3, Danajevits 3, Cudek 4, Grithits 2 (Santoro 1), Jones 4, Telfer 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: M. Jones.

Match rating: * * *

Cajkusic 4, Bakaric 3, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 4, F. Rudic 3 (replaced I. Rudic 30 min.), Waters 3, J. Alagich 4, Takac 3, Brajkovic 5, Edwards 4, M. Alagich 2 (Cooper 65 min.).

TOTAL: 38. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Reilly 6, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 3, Williams 3, Sandell 5, Herron 3 (Campbell 54 min.), Abonyi 3, Warren 3, Abston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 41. Coach: Z. Rasie.

Match rating: * * * *

Maglis 4, Henson 4, Parkin 4 (replaced Hignett 24 min.), Barboutis 4, H. Xipolitis 5, Wetton 4, McCulloch 4, Thorne 3, Smith 4, Harding 3, Clarke 3 (Culledon 52 min.).

TOTAL: 43. Coach: J. Vlasits.

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 3, Guildea 4, Hargreaves 4, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 3, Byles 2, Turner 2 (G. Smith 80 min.), Spiekerman 3, Pont 3 (Thomas 67 min.).

TOTAL: 35. Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * *

McQuire 4 (Iro 63 min.), Keith 4, Hughes 4, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3, Russell 4, Campbell 3, Blues 3, McKinnon 3, Forster 2, Madrusan 2 (replaced Butler 30 min.).

TOTAL: 35. Coach: W. Tamandl.

The game burst to life in the last 25 minutes after a scrappy first half in which defences were dominant and the forwards hardly sighted. Fans were treated to four goals in a thrilling finale. South Coast did not usurp their draw and on the day it was hard to differentiate between the championship leaders and tailenders. When everything seemed lost for Hakoah, Ray Baartz burst through down the right wing and sent in a perfect cross which Yardley slammed in for an 85th minute equaliser. Ean Cuthbert's masterly hatchet job on Willie Rutherford blunted the Hakoah attack and paved the way for United's prestigious result. The visitors' new 1971 signings, Gruicic and Harvey, showed up well.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 2,064.

— LOU GAUTIER

In a game that left much to be desired as a spectacle, Souths deserved to take the points with a clear two-goal margin. Wright and Clarke in midfield had the Auburn forwards well subdued for most of the match, giving very little away, and creating good attacking moves for their fast and eager forwards. Auburn, without Brady, Malone and Rogers, were unsure in defence and their attack lacked punch and shooting power. South Sydney, on the other hand, never hesitated to shoot from all positions, and although Mike Harris scored two fine goals, the best man on the field was Maurice Sullivan, who twice hit the woodwork and did a huge amount of work to keep the attack going.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 990.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Although Prague were often guilty of scratchy passing in the forwards and of indecisiveness in defence, their virtues were sufficient to leave them 3-1 winners at the finish. For this they can give a lot of credit to John Butler, who concentrated on ground shots in the second half, and netted two of them. Armytage set him up for the first goal and the same played nipped in to nod home a first half goal. Prague can also thank Harcombe and Rootsey, who were the pick of an otherwise unsteady defence. Canterbury were breathing down Prague's neck over the last 15 minutes, but when a draw appeared inevitable, Butler wrested the initiative away from the Berries with a further goal and the game was over.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 751.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Marconi overcame a two-goal deficit to come back strongly in the second half to snatch a valuable point. With an ounce of luck they could have even won. The absence of Scheinflug and Richards from the midfield seemed to unsettle Marconi in the first half when they were getting nowhere. Ryde, content to defend their 12th minute goal, were more dangerous when in possession. When Alagich netted in the 51st minute, Ryde appeared headed for a run-away victory, but a penalty goal a few minutes later, against the run of play, brought Marconi back into the game with strong attacking movements which resulted in the equaliser. Marconi would certainly have gone on to victory had Santoro not missed several un conceivable "sitters".

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 3,700.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Pan Hellenic proved worthy competition leaders in a match they should have won convincingly in the second half. Adopting the right tactics from the very start, they were well on top in an exciting, high standard second half after Saints had slightly dominated the first 45 minutes. St. George, who also mounted some brilliant moves, can, however, thank goalkeeper Jack Reilly for rescuing a point. Reilly thoroughly demoralised the Hellenic forwards by stopping everything that came his way. Against a lesser custodian, Pan Hellenic would have won with a clear-cut margin. The St. George forwards were allowed little room to move by the Pan Hellenic defence, whose new-found method and confidence were a revelation.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 5,855.

— LOU GAUTIER

Apart from the first 70 minutes or so this was an exciting, hard fought match. Wests were a trifle more convincing in a sleepy first half as well as the last 10 minutes. However, APIA fully exploited a six-minute burst, scored two sudden goals, both virtually from breakaways. Theirs would have been a somewhat lucky, though clear-cut victory without that most dubious penalty towards the end which gave Wests a new lease of life. The handful of veterans and numerous greenhorns in both teams wilted at the same speed in the warm sunshine, sadly failing to stir the picnicking hundreds on the hills out of their digestive rest after their Easter Sunday meal.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 2,485.

— PAUL DEAN

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	3	1	—	12	3	7
South Sydney	3	1	—	14	4	7
Hakoah	3	1	—	15	5	7
St. George	2	2	—	6	3	6
Wests	2	1	1	13	5	5
APIA	2	1	1	7	4	4
SCU	1	2	1	7	11	5
Marconi	1	1	2	7	12	3
Canterbury	—	2	2	4	16	2
Auburn	—	—	3	1	7	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	4	2	9	—
Ryde	—	—	4	2	12	—

(Third Grade)

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	4	—	—	10	2	8
Prague	4	—	—	12	4	8
Ryde	3	1	—	14	4	7
Hakoah	3	1	—	10	6	6
Wests	3	1	—	8	4	5
South Sydney	2	—	2	11	5	4
St. George	2	—	2	8	8	4
Marconi	1	1	2	7	4	4
APIA	1	—	3	5	10	2
SCU	—	1	3	10	1	1
Canterbury	—	—	4	5	16	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	4	2	13	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	3	1	—	9	4	7
Melita Eagles	3	1	—	10	5	7
Sutherland	3	1	—	15	4	6
Coinventions	2	2	—	15	7	6
Manly	2	1	1	6	4	5
Polonia	2	—	2	10	11	4
Bankstown	2	—	2	5	14	4
Concordia	1	1	2	9	12	3
Guilford	—	1	3	6	10	2
NS-Inter	—	1	3	5	14	2
Balgownie	—	1	3	7	11	5
Artamon	—	1	3	4	10	1

(Second Grade)

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	3	1	—	11	3	7
Bankstown	3	1	—	9	3	7
Polonia	2	1	1	16	9	3
Sutherland	2	1	1	15	4	5
Manly	2	1	1	12	11	5
Granville	2	—	2	11	9	4
Guilford	2	—	2	8	10	4
Concordia	2	—	2	7	14	4
Artamon	1	1	2	9	11	3
Melita Eagles	1	1	2	6	9	3
Corinthians	—	1	3	6	9	1
NS-Inter	—	1	3	4	12	—

(Third Grade)

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	3	1	—	10	8	5
Bankstown	3	1	—	13	2	6
Balgownie	2	1	1	5	3	5
Melita Eagles	2	—	2	8	3	4
Corinthians	2	—	2	8	4	4
Artamon	2	—	2	8	4	4
Polonia	2	—	2	13	10	4
Granville	2	—	2	5	4	4
Guilford	2	—	2	3	4	4
Sutherland	1	1	2	3	7	3
NS-Inter	1	1	2	5	12	3
Concordia	—	4	1	27	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arnccliffe Scots	2	—	—	5	2	4
North Districts	2	—	—	8	4	4
W. Sutherland	2	—	—	8	4	4
Banks City	1	—	1	5	2	2
Enmore	1	—	1	4	3	2
Lane Cove	1	—	1	5	4	2
Wentworth	1	—	1	7	2	2
N. Bankstown	1	—	1	2	3	2
Belmore	1	—	1	3	4	2
Marrickville	—	—	2	3	6	—
Revesby W.	—	—	2	3	6	—
Campbelltown	—	—	2	2	8	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unit. NSW	2	—	—	13	4	4
G'ville Ravens	1	—	1	7	2	3
Riverside	1	—	1	8	3	3
Rosebery	1	—	1	4	1	2
Concord Park	1	—	1	3	4	2
Warringah	1	—	1	4	2	2
Newtown	—	—	1	1	6	—
South Sydney	—	—	2	1	10	—
Kewpie	—	—	2	—	12	—

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	2	—	—	7	4	4
Queen's Park	2	—	—	14	2	4
West Ryde	2	—	—	6	1	4
Nepean	2	—	—	5	1	4
Macquarie	2	—	—	1	4	2
Sydney Uni.	1	—	1	8	2	2
Bondi	1	—	1	10	4	2
Dee Why	—	—	2	3	7	—
Auburn	—	—	2	1	14	—
Fairfield	—	—	2	7	—	—
Blacktown	—	—	2	7	—	—
Lidcombe	—	—	2	15	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. St. George	2	—	—	10	—	4
Greenwich	2	—	—	14	2	4
Arnccliffe RSL	2	—	—	10	2	4
Macquarie Uni.	1	—	1	2	—	2
Eastwood	1	—	1	5	2	2
Kogarah	1	—	1	6	4	2
Pottery Park	1	—	1	3	4	2
Thornleigh	1	—	1	5	9	2
Ku-ring gai	—	—	2	3	6	—
Toongabbie	—	—	2	3	8	—
Greenacre	—	—	2	12	—	—
Liverpool	—	—	2	14	—	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

RESULTS		
FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grades)		
Hakoah v. SCU	6-0	5-0
Auburn v. South Sydney	0-2	2-1
St. George v. P. Hellenic	2-0	2-1
Prague v. Canterbury	5-0	5-2
Marconi v. Ryde	3-1	1-2
Wests v. APIA	0-2	5-1
SECOND DIVISION (All Grades)		
B'town v. Guilford	2-1	3-0 2-0
Corinth. v. Polonia	6-2	3-3 1-2
Artamon v. Manly	0-2	3-5 0-4
Concordia v. Melita	2-0	2-2 0-4
G'ville v. Netherlands	1-1	1-2 0-1
Belgaw. v. S-Nter	3-4	2-0 2-0

ON TOP OF BIG GROUNDS — ENGLISH LEAGUE CLUBS RICH IN NICKNAMES

Pilgrims . . . Owls . . . Gulls . . . Shrimpers . . . Stags . . . Grecians . . . Toffeemen . . . these are just a few of the colorful nicknames English soccer fans have given their clubs over the years.

All but two of the 92 League Clubs have a nickname and some have more than one.

Names denoting colors are by far the most popular and even here the "blues" dominate.

However, there are two "Railwaymen", two "Robins", and two "Bluebirds" not to mention the more pedestrian "City" and "United" type of tags.

Still, at least they do have nicknames. In Sydney's First Division these are largely unknown.

St. George-Budapest are often called "Saints" and that's almost the extent of the list.

Canterbury are the "Berries" and Granville and Wests the "Maggies".

But the other clubs, like Hakoah, APIA, Prague, etc., never had any nicknames at all.

Another truly amazing feature of England's 92 League Clubs in the four divisions is the wealth of large grounds.

Sixty-one of the 92 clubs have a ground with a capacity

of 30,000 or more — and this is what Sydney's Sports-ground can accommodate without bursting.

Needless to say, ALL 92 grounds are flooded.

The biggest is Charlton Athletic's, in London, with a capacity of 73,500, followed by Everton's Goodison Park in Liverpool and Aston Villa's Villa Park, in Birmingham.

It will surprise many Australian readers that clubs not too well known in this country, such as Barnsley, Doncaster, Hull, Norwich City, Notts County, Oldham, Port Vale and Wrexham, all have grounds that take in 40,000 or more spectators.

This 40,000 — or a couple of hundred short of it — is actually the average for the 92 clubs.

The total capacity of all these grounds is a staggering 3,544,646 spectators.

Here is the full lowdown on these two fascinating aspects of the English League Clubs, compiled from Rothman's Football Yearbook, 1971.

Club	Nickname	Ground capacity
Aldershot	Shots	20,000
Arsenal	The Gunners	63,000
Aston Villa	Villains	65,244
Barnsley	The Tykes	40,700
Barrow	Bluebirds	17,000
Birmingham City	Blues	52,500
Blackburn Rovers	Blue-Whites	52,000
Blackpool	The Tangerines	38,000
Bolton Wanderers	The Trotters	59,929
Bournemouth	Cherries	26,000
Bradford City	The Paraders	24,000
Brentford	Bees	38,000
Brighton	The Shrimps	38,000
Bristol City	The Robins	40,000
Bristol Rovers	The Pirates	39,333
Burnley	Turkites	52,000
Bury	The Shakers	35,000
Cambridge United	United	16,000
Cardiff City	The Bluebirds	60,000
Carlisle United	The Cumbrians	28,166
Charlton Athletic	Robins	73,500
Chelsea	Pensioners	60,000
Chester	—	20,500
Chesterfield	The Blues	28,500
Colchester United	The U's	16,150
Coventry City	The Sky Blues	52,000
Crewe Alexandra	The Railwaymen	20,000
Crystal Palace	The Glaziers	51,000
Darlington	The Quakers	24,000
Derby County	Rams	41,500
Doncaster Rovers	Rovers	44,382
Everton	Toffeemen	66,000
Exeter City	The Grecians	19,788
Fulham	The Cottagers	45,000
Gillingham	The Gills	25,000
Grimsbury Town	The Mariners	28,000
Halifax Town	Town	38,000
Hartlepool	The Pool	20,000
Huddersfield Town	Town	55,000
Hull City	Tigers	40,000
Ipswich Town	Town	31,500
Leeds United	The Peacocks	52,000
Leicester City	The Filberts	43,000
Lincoln City	The Imps	25,300
Liverpool	'Pool	54,400
Luton Town	The Hatters	31,000
Manchester City	City	64,374
Manchester United	United	64,000
Mansfield Town	The Stags	20,500
Middlesbrough	The Borough	40,000
Millwall	The Lions	44,500
Newcastle United	Maggies	61,500
Newport County	The Ironsides	22,060
Northampton Town	Cobblers	21,000
Norwich City	The Canaries	48,000
Nottingham Forest	Forest	49,000
Notts. County	Maggies	47,500
Oldham Athletic	The Latics	41,200
Orient	The O's	35,000
Oxford United	United	18,000
Peterborough United	The Posh	30,000
Plymouth Argyle	The Pilgrims	40,000
Portsmouth	Pompey	46,000
Port Vale	The Valiants	50,000
Preston North End	The Lily Whites	40,100
Queens' Park Rangers	—	35,000
Reading	Biscuitmen	30,000

Rochdale	The Valians	28,000
Scunthorpe United	The Irons	27,000
Sheffield United	The Blades	55,000
Sheffield Wednesday	The Owls	60,000
Shrewsbury Town	Town	20,050
Southampton	Saints	30,000
Southend United	The Shrimpers	39,466
Southport	The Sandgrounders	22,000
Stockport County	The Hatters	24,904
Stoke City	Potters	50,500
Sunderland	Rokerites	58,000
Swansea City	Swans	35,000
Swindon Town	The Railwaymen	28,500
Torquay United	The Gulls	25,000
Tottenham Hotspurs	Spurs	58,000
Tranmere Rovers	Rovers	35,000
Walsall	Saddlers	24,100
Walford	The Brewers	35,000
West Bromwich Albion	Albion	50,000
West Ham United	The Hammers	42,000
Wolverhampton Wanderers	Wolves	53,500
Workington Town	The Reds	21,000
Wrexham	The Robins	40,000
York City	—	24,500

TEENAGERS WORTH A FORTUNE

The transfer market affords striking evidence to support the theory that soccer stars mature early these days.

There has been an astonishing succession of youngsters sold for big money — and clubs don't throw fortunes around for immature lads, to be put into cold storage for an indefinite period.

TWICE

Two youngsters already have been the central figures in six-figure transfers when they were only 18 — Alan Evans, sold by Wolves to Liverpool for £100,000 on September 18, 1968, was a fortnight short of his 19th birthday at the time, and Tommy Craig £100,000 signing by Sheffield Wednesday from Aberdeen was six months short of 19.

Tommy Taylor was only 18 when he left Orient for West Ham, but the cash was £22,000 short of the magical six-figure fee.

Now meet the pair who were in TWO expensive deals before they were out of their teens.

Centre-half Colin Waldron left Bury for Chelsea in June 1967, and returned north — to Burnley — in the following October. Each move involved £30,000, and Colin wasn't 20 until June 1968.

Then there's goalkeeper John Phillips. Aston Villa handed Shrewsbury a £30,000 cheque for him in October 1969, when he was 18, and last August they accepted £5,000 less than that when Chelsea recruited him.

Phillips isn't the only youngster for whom Villa have paid substantially

They gave Southend United £40,000 for Ian Hamilton in June 1969 — and he didn't reach 19 until the following October.

Walford have made almost a habit of pocketing hefty fees for young players.

ARRANGED

They transferred Irish international goalkeeper Pat Jennings to Spurs for £30,000 in May 1964, and inside-forward Tony Currie to Sheffield United for £28,000 in February 1968.

When Newcastle paid Glenoran £15,000 for inside-forward Tommy Cassidy last September, with an arrangement that a further £5,000 would be added if and when he made 10 senior appearances and a second £5,000 if and when he became an international, he, too, was an 18-year-old.

YOUNGEST

Still they come... Liverpool were glad to fork out £60,000 for current England star Emlyn Hughes when he left Blackpool in February, 1967; Manchester City paid Bury £45,000 for Colin Bell in March, 1966; Spurs gave Middlesbrough £42,500 for Cyril Knowles in May 1964; Sheffield Wednesday handed Chelsea £35,000 for Jim McCalliog in November, 1965; and Everton enriched Dundee by £27,500 when they bought Jimmy Gabriel in March, 1960.

In every case the player was 19 when he moved.

The youngest player of all among the 2,000-plus now in Football League service who was sold for a fee of any real size?

When Paul Went left Orient for Charlton in June, 1967, for £25,000, he was four months short of his 18th birthday!

— From GOAL, London.

Inter-City Ampol Final

Classy Croatia lick Western Suburbs

Croatia-Melbourne became the first Victorian club to win the inter-city Ampol Cup when they beat Western Suburbs 3-1 last Wednesday week in the return leg of the final at Marks Field.

Apart from the last 10 minutes of the first half and the opening minutes of the second period, the Victorians always looked the better team.

Wests were a jaded combination, and on the night were clearly beaten by the better side.

Their midfield was found wanting as neither Kinnell nor Archie Blue was able to secure a firm grip in that vital area which was dominated by the red shirts of the visitors.

Although right winger Billy McIntyre did all the damage with a spectacular hat-trick which must have caught the eye of several Sydney talent scouts, Croatia built their success in the midfield where Gunn, McArthur and Jim Mackay reigned supreme.

Western Suburbs were again badly let down by their wingers, and it is now obvious they cannot hope to play a major role in the Sydney championship unless these key positions are strengthened.

None of the Wests forwards, with the possible exception of Brian Turner, intermittently, had a good match.

To make things worse for the Sydney Ampol Cup winners, on the rare occasions they did break through the compact, disciplined Croatia defence the ball didn't bounce kindly for them, and a couple of goals were missed by the narrowest of margins.

Croatia impressed as a well balanced team with few weaknesses, which would also be among the leaders if they played in Sydney.

Croatia were easily the best club team from Melbourne seen in Sydney since the classy Polonia side of the early 1960's.

Details:
Western Suburbs: Kelly (Eaton), Van Blerk, Hargreaves, Johnston, Kinnell, Blue, Green (Byles), Guillea, Turner, Spiekerman, Pont.

Croatia-Melbourne: Kovacek, Wiley, Williams, Gunn, McArthur, Rau, McIntyre, Kuzilek (Rupjansk), Vojtek, Mackay, Haviavdic (Turic).

Scorers: McIntyre (29), 52 and 80 mins. for Croatia; Turner 41 min. for Wests.

Referee: A. Boskovic.
Crowd: 2,242.

— LOU GAUTIER

GROUND FOR REGRET

Brisbane soccer, which can already boast of an impressive home of its own, Perry Park, will steal another march on Sydney this month.

On April 24 and 25 one of Queensland's leading clubs, Hollandia-Ipsala, will open its very own ground, the Lions Stadium, thus named because of the club's emblem.

The ground is situated at Pine Road, Richlands, a Brisbane suburb.

The gala opening climaxes a three-year project which cost \$50,000.

This is only the first stage of the development which eventually will result in a modern sports complex which will again put Sydney to shame.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Mona Park game could be drawn

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Both the top and bottom of the table were given a big shake last weekend with Granville deposing Sutherland at the top of the ladder, and North Sydney-Inter passing the wooden spoon to Artarmon after some surprising results.

Granville have emerged as hot contenders for the premiership after their victory over Sutherland, while Inter's surprising two points at Balgownie rekindled the struggle between the weaker teams.

Our Round 4 match reports:

Granville v. Sutherland 2-1

A penalty three minutes before the end gave Granville the points.

Sutherland claim they were "robbed" with yet another of Les Schauman's penalty-inducing tumbles.

However, no one can take the credit away from Granville for a great win. Alan Maher brought off some spectacular saves in the first half, but late in the game Granville were the more dangerous.

Granville: Maher, Crelly, Biglands, Williams, Staunton, Brown, Lee (1), Gipport, Loftus, O'Neill (1), Schauman.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes (Turner), McKnight, Bennett, Smith, Piggott, Lavan, Johnson, Woods, Cacciola (1).

Bankstown v. Guildford 2-1

Two goals in the first half gave Bankstown the points, but a draw would have been a much fairer result.

Guildford took the lead through a goal by Jeff

Morley and missed another "sitter" minutes later.

Bankstown hit back with two goals by Chris Martin and Kevin Mullen, both against the run of play.

Bankstown: Miller, Fitzgerald (Fitzpatrick), Sheldrick, Turnbull, Maugham, Madden, Roberts, Hoare, Martin (1), Mullen (1), Dellar.

Concordia v. Melita Eagles 2-4

Goals by Jack Hennessy and John Duffy in the last three minutes gave Melita Eagles a late, but deserved victory after a hard fought game.

Concordia, with three first graders out of the side, played defensively after taking a 19th minute lead.

However, a superb 30-yard goal by David Hoare levelled the score within three minutes of half-time and the same player converted a penalty to give the Eagles the lead.

Concordia equalised almost from the kick-off and only when midfielder Mike Gassner was injured could Melita penetrate the determined Concordia defence.

Concordia: Skunka, Auras, Erasmus, Nazor, Uhl, Temelowski (1), Gassner (Komaadina M.), Baumgartner, Kappacher, Fransejovic, Somer (1).

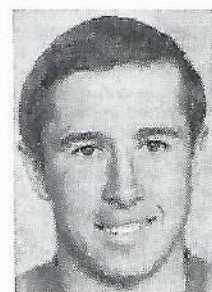
Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, J. Mc-

Ausland, D. McAusland, Edwards, Hoare (2), Duffy (1), McDougall, Hennessy (1), Cunningham.

Corinthians v. Polonia 6-2

The signing of Vic Reynolds from South Sydney during the week helped Corinthians to register their biggest victory of the season.

Corinthians were simply too good and within 15 minutes were leading 4-0.



VIC REYNOLDS
(Corinthians)

Reynolds celebrated his debut with a great effort when he jumped four defenders before putting the ball past goalkeeper Childs.

Corinthians: Wilson, Smith (Johnson), Haggett, Jagger, Cilia, Henry, Reynolds (1), Barnett, Potter (3), Collins, Cairns (2).

Goal of the Week

A superb 35-yard first-time volley by David Hoare to get the equaliser for Melita Eagles against Concordia.

Top Scoring Feat

Crawford Potter's three goals against Polonia last Saturday.

Polonia: Childs, Round, Mula (Nowacki), Zunis, Starek, Komoder, Chodkiewicz, Szmidt (1), Cochini (Grudzinski), Krawiarz (1), Wozniczko.

Artarmon v. Manly 0-2

A great save by goalkeeper Woods, making his debut in first grade, probably turned the tide against Artarmon.

After Bobby Jones gave the lead to Manly in the 20th minute, Woods stopped a penalty by Terry Williams.

Both sides played fairly good football, and John Cole in the Artarmon defence was prominent in destroying several attacking moves by Manly.

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, Nacinovich, MacGuinness, Quinn, Cole, Seaborn, Williams, Morgan, Harding, McAlpine.

Manly: Woods, Russell, G. Jones, Myron, Hutchinson, Crawford, Pedulla (1), Hughes, Keddie, McGill, R. Jones (1).

Balgownie v. NS-Inter 3-4

The match was an exciting see-sawing battle with both teams hitting the front to find themselves again behind.

Inter held an edge in the first half and led 2-0 after 25 minutes, but a goal by Waterman enabled Balgownie to trail only 2-1 at half time.

Balgownie equalised soon after the resumption through Freeman and Tony Power enabled them to take the lead through an own goal before goals by Mucillo and Spresian, in a space of 10 minutes, gave Inter a deserved victory.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davies, Bradford, Edgely, Orphin (McCulloch), Hall, De Here, Waterman (1), McGuckin, Beard, Freeman (1).

NS-Inter: Power (o.g.), Foster, Gray, Muir, Stuart, Mucillo (1), Spresian (2), Poletto (Petratos), Smit (1), Tory (Caturuzzo), Nimac.

THIS WEEK

The Melita Eagles v. Corinthians match at Mona Park will attract most interest this weekend.

The addition of several players to Corinthians has transformed the team into promotion material and the game should be a close fought tussle that could easily end in a draw.

In other matches Sutherland should get back on the winning list against Artarmon, while Granville and Polonia should beat Inter and Guildford respectively.

Balgownie may win its first match of the season against Bankstown, and Manly and Concordia draw.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Fourth Round State League soccer fixtures for this weekend with venues are:

Saturday: Lions v. Polonia (Montgomery Park, Essendon), SM Hellas v. George Cross (Middle Park), Juventus v. Croatia (Olympic Park).

Sunday: Box Hill v. Wilhelmina (Wembley Park, Box Hill), Melbourne v. Hakoah (Middle Park), JUST v. Alexander (Schindler Reserve, Footscray).

Last week's results: Juventus 1 (Webster) d. Lions 0, Polonia 1 (Plaskota) d. SM-Hellas 0, Box Hill 1 (Field) d. Melbourne-HSC 0, JUST 2 (Zoraja, Velickovic) d. Hakoah 0, Croatia 2 (Mackay, Turkic) d. Alexander 0, George Cross 1 (Kelly) d. Wilhelmina 0.

Standings: Coatia, JUST 6 points; Juventus 5; Box Hill 4; SM-Hellas, Melbourne, Polonia 3; Wilhelmina, George Cross, Hakoah 2; Alexander, Lions 0.

Following quickly on the recent transfer of Billy Rogers to Auburn it's on the cards another two of Melbourne-HSC's top players, star defender Fabian Juhasz and striker Ray Pocock, will also move to Sydney in the near future. Initial inquiries have already been made in connection with both players from Sydney sources, and the players are expected to be under scrutiny in action soon as a prelude to more definite moves.

New coach of JUST is Milenko Rusmir. And Rusmir is no stranger to JUST. He has been with the club as a regular first team player for over seven years, and only recently hung up his boots to end his playing career. Prior to coming to Australia to JUST he played with Sloboda in Yugoslavia.

Back in Australia after three years in the UK is Matt McCaig, the former Melbourne-HSC centre-forward who is training with the Hungarian-sponsored side without having any real attachment. McCaig, who transferred to Metro club Triestina some considerable time before returning to Scotland, is still a registered player of that team and so far his future in the game seems uncertain.

Johnny Sanchez, the former Slavia and Pan Hellenic winghalf who is now player-coach of George Cross, is itching to get back into action after having spent quite some time on the sidelines as a result of a suspension imposed last season. Sanchez will be eligible to resume for the Cross in their match against South Melbourne-Hellas this weekend.

Slavia, who got a 6-1 thumping from Dandenong in their first-ever league match in the Metropolitan League First Division, are reported to be paying their players or offering them the best incentives ever in soccer within the Metro League. Don't ask me where Slavia are getting the cash to do this. But one thing is certain — with their handful of support, it's not through their gate receipts.

Ian Coles, a brother of the Box Hill centre-forward, has arrived in Melbourne to join the Hillmen. Ian played with Cambridge United in England.

Sydney Third Division

Dazzling win for Wenties

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Wenty Waratah, at their dazzling best, defeated Campbelltown 4-2 at Campbelltown Showground last Saturday.

It took them 15 minutes to settle down, and then Bobby Kelly scored their first goal.

Campbelltown, although not as constructive as they might have been, managed to go ahead at 2-1 before football craft throughout the game.

Alan Young soon had the equaliser, and Michael Bergman scored their third and fourth goals.

North Bankstown excelled themselves at George Green Oval on Sunday, winning 2-1 against local rival Banks City, much to the joy of their coach, Henry Hamilton.

The first goal came in the sixth minute through Alan Woodbine, and then Dean Pittman, out near the sideline, succeeded in driving the ball high into the far side of the net.

Much of the game was

evenly contested territorially, but Banks City got a goal 15 minutes into the second half.

Paul Darmody had his initial game in North's first team, showing fine determination and sound football craft throughout the game.

Last week's results:

THIRD DIVISION
Nth. Districts v. Belmore 3-1 2-1
Campbelltown v. Wenty 2-4 0-4
Marrickville v. Lane Cove 2-4 6-2
Nth. B'town v. Banks C. 2-1 3-2
W. Sutherland v. Enmore 3-2 0-0
Revby W. v. A'Clife Scots 1-3 0-5

STATE CUP
A'Clife Scots v. W. Sutherland 1-2
Lane Cove v. Revby W. 3-2
Newtown v. Kogarah 2-2
Queen's Park v. Enmore 2-0

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW
Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Northern Districts, Cahill Park; Belmore v. Campbelltown, Rudd Park; Banks City v. West Sutherland, Soccer Centre.
Sunday: Marrickville v. Revby Workers, Akerley Park; Wenty v. North Bankstown, Jones Park; Lane Cove v. Enmore, Pottery Green.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

South no match for sparkling students

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

University of NSW whitewashed South Sydney 6-0 at Booralee Park last Saturday netting their 13th goal in two matches.

Jim Moustakis scored University's first goal, from a hard low cross from midfield player Earl Baker.

Moustakis also got the next, a 20-yard drive from an impossible angle well onto the bye line.

Earl Baker scored two more in what was a one way traffic event.

GOOD FORM

In Third Division Padstow Park downed Toongabbie 3-1 at Girraween Park.

Padstow Park are steadily running themselves into good form, and will be a hard team to beat in the weeks to come.

Geoff Bogg was well placed to take a ball from a team-mate, and flick in Padstow's first goal.

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Alex Walton and Alan Sontag were the further scorers.

STATE CUP

Both preliminary ties in the State Cup last Saturday went to extra-time.

West Sutherland and Arncliffe Scots were both below full strength due to injuries, and both missed plenty of goals.

West Sutherland led 1-0 almost to the whistle, but just then Arncliffe equalised, with West Sutherland winning in extra time.

Billy McDonald clinched Lane Cove's 3-2 win over Revesby Workers, when he went higher than Revesby's goalkeeper to head a great shot just under the bar with only two minutes of extra-time remaining.

On Monday Newtown and Kogarah were 2-2 after extra-time and will have to replay, and Queens Park gained a 2-0 win over Enmore.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

Rapid v. Newtown 6-1 6-2

Kewpies v. G'ville Ravens 0-5 2-3

Warringah v. Condell Pk. 3-1 6-2

SECOND DIVISION

Queen's Pk. v. Fairfield 12-1 4-0

Lidcombe v. Sydney Uni. 0-2 0-6

Chelsea v. Blacktown 5-0 2-4

Maroubra v. Bondi 4-2 0-2

West Ryde v. Auburn 4-1 3-1

Nepean v. Dee Why 2-1

* Abandoned.

THIRD DIVISION

Thornleigh v. Kuringgai 4-3 3-8

Yagobai v. Padstow Pk. 1-3 0-1

Greenacre v. Greenwich 1-5 2-4

A'Clife RSL v. Kogarah 3-2 3-1

W. St. George v. Lepp 7-0 1-1

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Uni. NSW v. Warringah, Saints 0 Phillips Field; Bondi v. Nepean — Waverley No. 1; Auburn v. Chelsea — Progress Park; Sydney Uni. v. Fairfield — St. Paul's Oval; Thornleigh v. Greenacre — Thornleigh Oval; Liverpool v. Toongabbie — Jardine Park; Kuringgai v. Eastwood — Aquatic Oval.

Sunday: Newtown v. Kewpies — ground to be arranged; Gladesville Ravens v. South Sydney — Peul Park; Yagobai v. Rosebery Rhodas — O'Neill Park; Lidcombe v. Maroubra — Coleman Park; Dee Why v. West Ryde — Dee Why Oval; Blacktown v. Queen's Park — Francis Park; Greenwich v. Arncliffe RSL — Gore Creek Reserve; Kogarah v. West St. George — Todd Park, Blackhurst; Padstow Park v. Macquarie Uni. — Kelso 10.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

1 (1)
Lowry 33 min.

Ryde

4 (1)
Waters 5 and 40 mins., J. Alagich 59 min., F. Rulic 66 min.

Prague

1 (0)
Butler 61 min.

Auburn

2 (1)
Sidey 28 min., McDonald 55 min.

South Sydney

0 (0)

St. George

8 (5)
Herron 14 min., Ainslie 16 and 30 mins., Alston 26 and 27 mins., Abonyi 47 and 83 mins. (penalty), Warren 79 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)
Butler 80 min.

Hakoah

1 (0)
Baartz 68 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

WESTS

2 (0)
Byles 54 min., Jack 78 min.

Sth. Coast

4 (1)
Harvey 38 min., Tolson 68 min., Gruicic 78 and 83 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Stern 4 (replaced Hawthorne 2, halftime), Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3, Kulak 3, J. Xipolitas 3, Hardy 3, Mullen 3, Zivkovic 4, Thompson 3, Bamforth 3 (Massi 66 min.), Lowry 3.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Match rating: * * *

Cajkovic 3, Bakaric 4, Nacinovic 3, Waters 4, I. Rudic 4, Trkulja 4, J. Alagich 4, Brajkovic 4, F. Rudic 4 (replaced Campbell 2, halftime), Takac 3, Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

King 3, Harcombe 3, Henderson (replaced by Perry, 2, 17 min.), McLaughlin 3, Zeman 3 (replaced by Tooma, halftime, 2), Rootsey 4, Armytage 2, Blanco 3, G. Manuel 4, Rooney 3, Butler 3.

TOTAL: 33. Coach: M. Mazzina.

Match rating: * * *

Taylor 3, Selfridge 3, Stewart 3, Strachan 3, Brady (replaced by Hawkins, 2, 33 min.), McDonald 4, Edwards 4, Malone 4, Schneider 3 (replaced by Di Santi, 85 min.), Simpson 3, Sidey 3.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: B. Slater.

Corry 3, Shepherd 3, Carr 2, Thompson 3, Clarke 3, Wright 3, Cosh 3 (Ross 45 min.), Sullivan 4, Harris 3, Doyle 5, Trail 3.

TOTAL: 35. Coach: N. Shepherd.

Match rating: * * * *

Reilly 4, Harris 4, Williams 3, Schaefer 3, Utjesenovic 4, Sandell 3, Ainslie 5, Abonyi 5, Warren 4, Alston 5, Herron 4 (Campbell 76 min.).

TOTAL: 44. Coach: Z. Rasic.

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, McGillivray 4, Hughes 4, Russell 4, Campbell 4, Blues 5, McKinnon 4, Forster 3 (Burnett 78 min.), Butler 4.

TOTAL: 44. Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * * *

Haffey 4, Davey 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Gardiner 4, Rutherford 4, Yardley 4, Keddie 4, Baartz 4, Silva 4 (Walsh 78 min.).

TOTAL: 44. Coach: C. Fleming.

Maglis 4, Henson 4, Parkin 3, Barbontis 3, H. Xipolitas 4, Wetton 3, McCulloch 3, Smith 3, Harding 3, Clarke 3 (Culledon 68 min.).

TOTAL: 36. Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * * * *

Kelly 4, Van Bleck 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Harrison 3, Blue 4, Byles 3, Guildea 4, Turner 3, Kinnell 4, Jack 4 (replaced Spiekerman, 2, at halftime).

TOTAL: 40. Coach: T. Dawson.

Ramage 3, Gleeson 3, Cuthbert 4, Walker 4, Wilson 5, Galbraith 3, Dunlop 4, Gruicic 5, Tolson 4, Harvey 4, Tuckerman 3 (McAvoy 67 min.).

TOTAL: 42. Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * * *

Murray 3, Robertson 3, Curran 4, Bon 3, Moschen 5, Connolly 3, Danajevits 3 (Giacometti 67 min.), Cudek 3, Santoro 3, Jones 3, Telfer 4.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: M. Jones.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Two goals direct from cornerkicks by Laurie Waters gave Ryde a flattering first half lead. Canterbury were very much in the match in the first half and could have even led at the break. There was no denying Ryde, however, after the interval. They then played some stylish football and would have won by a much bigger margin against demoralised opponents had it not been for some brilliant substitute, keeping by Mike Stern, the Canterbury new life in the inclusion of Fedor Rudic instilled new life in the Ryde attack, where Brajkovic and Alagich also came into their own in the second half. This was not a memorable match, but it did show that brighter days are ahead for Ryde.

Referee: K. Lockrey. Crowd: 1,830.

— LOU GAUTIER

Those handful of loyal fans who made the pilgrimage to this match deserved something better than this drab, dreary affair played out in the atmosphere of a tomb. That Auburn were the better of the two mediocre teams, there can be no doubt; they at least showed at times that winning the game meant something to them. Prague were shockingly inept, giving a display that would make their great predecessors blush. One had grave doubts even about the fitness of many players, as four had to be replaced during the 90 minutes, including Brady, who took the field already injured. Any further comment would be like turning the knife in an already deep wound.

Referee: W. Novelli. Crowd: 300.

— PAUL DEAN

This game was all Saints from the kick-off, but it was the way in which they developed their attacks and the explosive power and accuracy of their shooting that made the match a memorable one. The Ainslie goals were pearls, the first, a low, ball-dipping from 25 yards, and the second, a high dipping from 30 yards, and the second, a high dipping from 30 yards. The six others were master strokes in their way, and all Saints could do was to try to keep down the score with a series of last ditch, and port in a storm clearances. Against lesser sides Saints might have looked well enough, but on the day they were slow and lacking in method and imagination, excepting for those excellent ball distributors, Doyle and Sullivan.

Referee: P. Shiba. Crowd: 2,456.

— KEITH GILMORE

Full marks to these two long standing rivals for 90 minutes of non-stop, attacking football which will be long remembered by the 4,500 spectators that watched it. The match provided all the excitement the paying public longs to see as it had plenty of thrills and spills as well as some brilliant flashes of football. Neither side at any stage dominated the game, and although A.P.I.A. lost after their performance in the second half. It would have been a travesty of justice had A.P.I.A. lost after their performance and when George Blues cleverly worked his way up and laid on the equaliser for Butler to tap into the net, it seemed like a tremor had hit the members' stand.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 4,495.

— CHARLES SPITERI

An exciting match which Pan Hellenic threw away when Wetton missed a penalty in the 78th minute. To add insult to injury, within seconds of this costly lapse, Wests raced to a 2-0 lead to seal the result. Apart from the first 25 minutes, when it was nearly all Pan Hellenic, Western Suburbs looked the better team and their victory was justified. Their tight-marking defence was no match for the Hellenic forwards, who displayed their worst form of the season. The whole Hellenic team, with rare exceptions, was not up to scratch, but it was still an enjoyable match as play saw-sawed almost continuously, with several narrow misses at both ends. Kinnell, Guildea and Blue, in the second half, were the pick of an efficient, ice-cool West team.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 4,583.

— LOU GAUTIER

An entertaining match which confirmed South Coast's revival. There was not much between the two teams in the first half, but South Coast ran riot in the last minutes to score three splendid goals. Ivan Gruicic was undoubtedly the star of the match, scoring two goals and always running very well off the ball. Marconi never looked like getting past the United defence, brilliantly marshalled by Peter Wilson. Marconi faded completely in the second half when great gaps appeared in their defence. Les Scheinflug and Ray Richards were badly missed in the shaky Marconi midfield.

Referee: N. Campbell. Crowd: 3,239.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	4	1	1	13	3	9
South Sydney	4	1	1	12	5	9
Wests	3	1	1	15	6	7
Hakoah	3	1	1	8	3	7
A.P.I.A.	2	2	1	7	3	7
St. George	2	2	1	11	13	5
Marconi	1	2	2	8	15	4
SCU	1	2	2	7	18	4
Canterbury	1	2	2	8	15	2
Auburn	1	2	2	4	15	2
Ryde	1	2	2	4	15	2
Pan Hellenic	1	2	2	4	15	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	4	1	1	14	5	10
Ryde	4	1	1	12	9	8
Hakoah	4	1	1	11	4	8
Auburn	3	1	1	16	9	6
South Sydney	3	1	1	9	6	5
Wests	2	1	2	9	10	4
Marconi	2	1	2	9	12	2
St. George	2	1	2	4	10	2
A.P.I.A.	1	1	2	4	15	2
Pan Hellenic	1	1	2	4	15	2
SCU	1	1	2	4	15	2
Canterbury	1	1	2	4	15	2

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	4	1	1	15	4	9
Melita Eagles	4	1	1	10	6	8
Sutherland	3	1	1	8	5	7
Manly	2	2	1	16	9	6
Corinthians	2	2	1	9	6	4
Polonia	2	1	2	10	14	4
Bankstown	2	1	2	9	11	3
Balgownie	1	1	2	3	10	3
Concordia	1	1	2	8	20	2
Guilford	1	1	2	4	15	1
NS-Inter	1	1	2	4	15	1
Artamon	1	1	2	4	15	1

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	3	2	1	11	3	8
Bankstown	3	2	1	9	3	8
Manly	3	1	1	11	7	7
Granville	3	1	1	18	11	6
Polonia	2	2	1	11	8	6
Sutherland	2	2	1	10	13	4
Guilford	2	1	2	10	13	4
Artamon	2	1	2	3	9	3
Concordia	1	1	2	3	10	3
Corinthians	1	1	2	3	10	3
Melita Eagles	1	1	2	3	17	1
NS-Inter	1	1	2	3	17	1

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	1	1	16	2	10
Bankstown	4	1	1	15	3	8
Melita Eagles	3	1	1	11	3	8
Granville	3	1	1	9	4	6
Balgownie	2	1	2	6	5	5
Guilford	2	1	2	10	9	5
Sutherland	2	1	2	5	12	4
Polonia	2	1	2	3	9	4
Artamon	2	1	2	3	9	4
Corinthians	2	1	2	3	9	4
NS-Inter	1	1	2	3	5	3
Concordia	1	1	2	3	5	3

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arncliffe Scots	2	1	1	7	4	5
Nth. Districts	2	1	1	10	6	5
W. Sutherland	2	1	1	6	4	5
Lane Cove	2	1	1	9	3	3
Banks City	1	1	1	9	3	3
Wentworth	1	1	1	4	5	3
Nth. Bankstown	1	1	1	4	5	3
Revesby Work.	1	1	1	2	6	2
Enmore	1	1	1	2	3	2
Balmere	1	1	1	2	5	2
Campbelltown	1	1	1	2	5	2
Marrickville	1	1	1	3	11	1

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. NSW	3	1	1	14	1	6
Riverside	1	1	1	9	3	3
G'ville Ravens	1	1	1	9	3	3
Yagoona	1	1	1	4	2	2
Rosbury	1	1	1	5	8	2
Concord Park	1	1	1	5	8	2
Newtown	1	1	1	2	8	2
South Sydney	1	1	1	2	4	2
Warragah	1	1	1	3	2	1
Kewpie	1	1	1	3	2	1

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	3	1	1	12	3	6
Queens Park	3	1	1	8	2	6
West Ryde	3	1	1	16	2	4
Sydney Uni.	2	1	1	15	5	4
Bondi	2	1	1	9	5	4
Maroubra	2	1	1	6	4	4
Nepesin	1	1	2	1	15	2
Lidcombe	1	1	2	3	9	2
Dee Why	1	1	2	3	9	2
Blacktown	1	1	2	3	12	2
Auburn	1	1	2	3	12	2
Fairfield	1	1	2	3	12	2

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	3	1	1	16	3	6
W. St. George	3	1	1	14	3	4
Arncliffe RSL	2	1	1	11	4	4
Macquarie Uni.	2	1	1	7	3	4
Thornleigh	2	1	1	8	11	4
Eastwood	1	1	2	7	8	2
Kogarah	1	1	2	2	9	2
Teonabbie	1	1	2	2	9	2
Padstow Park	1	1	2	2	9	2
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	2	2	5	1
Greengrass	1	1	2	2	4	1
Liverpool	1	1	2	2	4	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grades)
Prague v. Auburn	1-0 2-1
Canterbury v. Ryde	3-2 3-4
Pan Hellenic v. St. George	4-1 2-1
Sth. Sydney v. Hakoah	1-0 1-2
A.P.I.A. v. Marconi	1-4 1-2

SECOND DIVISION	(All Grades)
Sutherland v. Artamon	5-1 2-2 2-1
Melita v. Corn.	1-2 3-0
NS-Inter v. Granville	0-6 0-5 0-4
B'own v. Balgownie	0-2 0-0 2-1
Manly v. Concordia	2-1 9-2 6-0
Guilford v. Polonia	2-3 2-2 2-1

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Vital relegation game looming up

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville and Melita Eagles, the only two unbeaten teams in Second Division, both won their games to jointly lead the competition into the sixth round.

Melita won with a late goal to keep their record intact, while Granville were most impressive against weaker opposition.

Highlights of last week-end's games were:

NS-Inter v.

Granville 0-6

Three goals in seven minutes midway in the first half just about wrapped Granville's most impressive win this season.

Clive Lee and Jimmy Gippert were the most dangerous of the Granville forwards, each scoring two goals, but it was once again a team effort bubbling with confidence which is making every post a winner.

Inter fought back in the last 15 minutes, but it was not their day as they missed a few easy chances.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Gray, Randy, Stuart, Mucillo; Spresian, Polletto, Smit, Muir, Nimac.

Granville: Maher, Crelly, Biglands, Williams (1), Staunton, Brown, Lee (2), Loftus, Schaumann, O'Neill (1), Gippert (2).

Guildford v.

Polonia 2-3

Polonia led 3-0 midway through the second half, but Guildford, who found it hard to penetrate the steady Polonia defence, capitalised on two defensive mistakes for Graham Hann to score two quick goals to make the score more respectable.

Guildford did some close-marking, but allowed Richard Krawiarz too much room to move.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Pierce, Jack, Lowe, Woods, Morley, Schofields, Shepherd, Hann (2).

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Tomaszewski, Nowacki, Mula, Kommoder, Popowski, Szmidt, Polewski (Zanis), Krawiarz (2), Wozniczko (1).

Manly v.

Concordia 2-1

In an exciting game at Graham Reserve, Concordia were unlucky not to share the points after leading 1-0 at halftime.

Roland Sommer put Concordia in the lead after 27 minutes and the team played good football to hold on to their narrow lead.

Manly were more determined after the resumption and within 11 minutes Bobby Jones broke through to get the equaliser, and 16 minutes later Bill Hutchinson went up for a corner which he headed to get the winner.

Manly: Woods, Russell, G. Jones, Myron, Hutchinson (1), Crawford, Pedulla, Hughes, Keddie, McGill, R. Jones (1).

Concordia: Schiemann, Auras, Erasmus, Nazor, Uhl, Woznica, Gasser, Baumgartner, Kappacher, Fransejovic, Sommer (1).

Bankstown v.

Balgownie 0-2

Balgownie chalked up their first victory by scoring a goal in each half.

The match was scrappy, particularly in the first half when Balgownie were in complete command.

Trailing 1-0 at half-time, Bankstown tried hard to get back into the game and made some determined attacks, but poor finish by their forwards let them down badly.

Brian Edgely sealed the result with a goal five minutes from the end.

Bankstown: Miller, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Maughan, Martin, Adams, (Roberts), Hoare, Prokari, Mullen, Deliar.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davis, McCullough, McLean (1), Orpin, Hall, McGuckin, Waterman, Findlay (Bard), Edgeley (1), Freeman.

Melita Eagles v.

Corinthians 2-1

Melita Eagles notched a goal one minute from time to win a thriller.

David Hoare scored a penalty in the first half to give the Eagles a narrow lead, but Corinthians hit back 20 minutes into the second half to level.

the score through Michael Cairns.

The match seemed set for a draw, but with both sides striving for a winning break Melita Eagles capitalised on a Corinthians defensive lapse for Ian MacDougall to score an easy goal and get the points.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Cunningham, D. MacAusland, Duffy, Edwards, Hoare (1), Gathercole (Molyneux), Hennessy, MacDougall (1).

Corinthians: Wilson, Smith, Haggatt, Barnett, Clila, Jagger, Reynolds, Henry, Potter, Collins, Cairns (1).

Sutherland v.

Artarmon 5-1

Sutherland were far too strong for the visiting Artarmon and it was evident from the outset that the locals would win comfortably.

The first half was one-way traffic and Sutherland led 3-0 and could have scored another three goals.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, Watts, Smith, Piggott, Lavan (1), MacKnight (1), Woods (Johnson), Cacciollo (3).

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, M. Nacinovich, MacGin-

Goal of the Week

S. Wozniczko (Polonia) worked the ball up the right flank, his cross down the middle was hit by another player against the crossbar for Wozniczko to slant the rebound in the top corner of the Guildford net.

Top Scoring Feat

Joe Cucciollo's hat-trick for Sutherland against Artarmon — the second player to score a hat-trick for Sutherland this season.

ness, Quinn, Cole (1), K. Nacinovich (Seaborn), Morgan (Brown), Williams, Harding, McAlpine.

THIS WEEK

Leaders: Granville and Melita Eagles should both win their matches against Bankstown and Polonia respectively without being fully extended.

Sutherland should also beat Concordia at Camdensville Oval, but they are unlikely to score another five goals against this improving side.

Perhaps the most important match of the weekend could be between Artarmon and North Sydney-Inter where the loser will get into a heap of trouble at the bottom of the ladder.

In other matches Corinthians should win a close struggle against Manly, while Balgownie may be too experienced for Guildford.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

No State League soccer is scheduled for this weekend due to the Anzac Day celebrations, even though it is not classified as a holiday in Victoria. The Victorian State side, however, have a commitment and will play their return interstate match with South Australia in Adelaide on Saturday, April 24. This is a real grudge match for Victoria, who were hammered 3-0 by South Australia in Melbourne not long back.

The Victorian side is likely to be selected from the following players: Harby (Juventus), Van Egmond (Wilhelmina), Irvine (Juventus), Dobbing (Melbourne), Juhász (Melbourne), Mackay (Croatia), Lopatic (JUST), Marshall (SM Hellas), Vojtek (Croatia), Cockburn (Wilhelmina), Kokkios (SM Hellas), Scott (Melbourne), Pocock (Melbourne), Wallace (Melbourne), Kuzilek (Croatia), Webster (Juventus).

Lions have a new fullback division with Ian Livingstone, the former Slavia player on the right flank and George Eady on the left side. Lions recently secured the Scottish-born Eady from Maryborough Triestina, with whom he has played for several years.

Several well known State League players are out of action at present through being in dispute with their clubs. David Pygall, of Wilhelmina, who won the Bill Fleming "Best and Fairest" award last year, has been missing from the Ringwood side's line-up, and so has Ernie Ackley, the South Melbourne Hellas striker.

Although Alexander are again struggling, they have in Jimmy Mangopoulos one of the most sought-after forwards in State League soccer. A winger or striker, and a product of Victorian junior soccer, Mangopoulos, who has spent all his service with Alexander, would show up even much better in a better class side. Although clubs have put out feelers for his transfer in the past, it seems unlikely his club would consider selling even for a big fee.

Johnny Walker, the former Hakoah keeper who has been retired from the playing side of the game for a few years, now coaches junior sides in Werribee.

Three newcomers to the State League scene are Bill Monteith, a Scottish centre-forward, John Durham, a winger from Mauritius, and Jimmy McCabe, another Scot and a forward. Monteith and Durham have already made their first team debuts with Hakoah, while McCabe arrived to join Croatia.

Last week's State League results: Croatia 5 (Hadiavdic 2, McIntyre, Wixey, Turicac) d. Juventus 1 (Thomson); Hellas 4 (Armstrong 3, Pyrgiotis) d. George Cross 0; Polonia 2 (Plaskota 2) d. Lions 0, JUST 3 (Zoraja 2, Lopatic) d. Alexander 0, Box Hill v. Wilhelmina 0-0, Melbourne-HSC 2 (Bleskany, Pocock) d. Hakoah 1 (Gadsby).

Standings: JUST, Croatia 8; Hellas, Polonia, Melbourne-HSC, Box Hill, Juventus 5; Wilhelmina 3; Hakoah, George Cross 2; Lions, Alexander 0.

Sydney Third Division

CAMPBELLTOWN HIT TOP FORM

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Campbelltown, free of injuries for the first time this season, scored two goals in the last 15 minutes to down Belmore 3-0 at Rudd Park last Saturday.

The bumpy undersized pitch was of no advantage to the home team, who are unable to use their forwards to good advantage in the narrow field.

In the 10th minute Campbelltown's Peter Quinn fastened on to a low through-ball laid on by Jerrison, and guided it home past the onrushing Belmore keeper.

The rest of the first half was a see-saw affair, but in the second half Belmore always caused trouble by bringing extra men in an attempt to drive home their attacks.

The accent on attack ended up costing them dearly, as Campbelltown, aided particularly by full-back Ken Brooks and the calm heading of third back Barney Johnson, repelled them, and caused consternation when they made the quick breakaways.

RESULTS

A'clife Scots v. N. Dist. 2-2 1-1
Belmore v. Campbelltown 0-3 3-1
Banks C. v. W. 5'land 1-1 3-1
M'ville v. Revesby W. 0-5 4-2
Went v. N. Brown 4-2 3-1
Lane Cove v. Ewore 4-2 1-3

STATE CUP

Newtown v. Kogarah 2-1

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

Saturdays: Northern Districts v. Marickville — Jenner Road; Nth. Bankstown v. Belmore — George Green; West Sutherland v. Wenty — Seymour Shaw Park.
Sundays: Campbelltown v. Ashfield Scots — Campbelltown Showground; Revesby Workers v. Lane Cove — Soccer Centre; Enmore v. Banks City — Mackay Park.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Classy Chelsea have netted even dozen

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

University of NSW scraped home to a narrow 1-0 win over Warringah at David Phillips Field, and hold a point lead over Gladesville Ravens on the First Division table.

In Second Division at Progress Park Chelsea were on top throughout the match against Auburn Juniors and won 5-0.

Chelsea have scored 12 goals in their three premiership outings without having to pull the ball out of their own net.

Their defence is playing tightly, and Joe Gormley, who was particularly sound at outside left in the first half, scored two goals, John Procter two, and Graham Robertson one.

Greenwich downed the strong Arncliffe RSL side 2-1 at Gore Creek in a match that was well above Third Division standard.

Play was willing for a time, and referee G. Warren had to call up the captains with instructions to keep matters under control.

Scorers for Greenwich were Ken Adamson and former Willoughby Homemmen forward Greg Khadorian.

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Good turf

Ku-ring-gai, playing at home on the beautiful Asquith Oval surface, dominated the second half to force a 2-2 draw with Eastwood Town.

Although their play was tidier than Eastwood's, they had to rely on late goals by Knight and James to pull the game out of the fire.

The first half play of both teams was a credit to them, but with Ku-ring-gai trying to contain occasional second-half break-away moves by Eastwood, referee Ramsey had to use his whistle consistently to blow up needless fouls.

In the State Cup preliminary Round 3 replay last Saturday, Newtown Progressive defeated Kogarah Waratah 2-1, to join West Sutherland, Lane Cove and Newtown in the last preliminary round.

On Monday at Hotham Road, West Sutherland

meet Newtown at 1 p.m. and Lane Cove play against Queen's Park at 3 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)
FIRST DIVISION
Un. NSW v. Warringah 1-0 4-3
Newtown v. Kogarah 7-2 4-1
Sydney Uni. v. St. George 2-7 1-2
Yagoona v. Rosebery 1-0 1-5

SECOND DIVISION
Bondi v. Nepean 5-1 4-3
Auburn v. Chelsea 0-5 1-1
Sydney Uni. v. Fairfield 8-0 12-1
Lidcombe v. Maroubra 1-0 1-5
Dee Why v. W. Ryde 1-2 2-5
Blacktown v. Queens Pk. 1-2 0-5

THIRD DIVISION
Thornleigh v. Greenacre 3-2 4-1
Liverpool v. Toongabbie 1-4 0-3
Ku-ring-gai v. Eastwood 2-2 2-1
Greenwich v. Arncliffe RSL 2-1 1-4
Kogarah v. W. St. George 3-4 2-3
Padstow Pk. v. Mac. Uni. 3-5 1-4

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturdays: South Sydney v. Newtown — Soaralee Park; Liverpool v. Sydney Uni. — Coral Sea Park; Fairfield v. Blacktown — Knights Park; Queens Park v. Auburn Juniors — Queens Park No. 3; Eastwood v. Padstow Park — Eastwood Lower; Macquarie Uni. v. Liverpool — Macquarie University.
Sundays: Riverside Rapid v. Yagoona — Mahony Oval; Rosebery Rhodes v. Concord Park — Turruwall Park; Warringah Saints v. Gladesville Ravens — Dee Why Oval; West Ryde v. Bondi — Meadowbank No. 3; Nepean v. Lidcombe — Jamieson Park; Chelsea v. Dee Why — Moore Park 13; West St. George v. Greenwich — Boxley Oval; Arncliffe RSL v. Thornleigh — Arncliffe Park; Greenacre v. Kogarah — Allum Park; Toongabbie v. Kogarah — Glaxowen Oval.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Ryde

2 (0)

E. Cuthbert (own goal) 50 min., J. Alagich 78 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (0)

Wilson 56 min., Tuckerman 85 min.

Hakoah

4 (0)

Rutherford 55 and 83 mins., Keddie 65 min., Watkiss 70 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

B. Smith 59 min.

Auburn

2 (1)

Malone 42 min., Sidey 83 min.

Canterbury

2 (1)

Thompson 36 min., Zivkovic 67 min.

St. George

3 (2)

Denton 5 min., Abonyi 38 min., Ainslie 59 min.

Prague

0 (0)

Marconi

2 (0)

Curran 65 min., Giacometti 74 min.

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)

Butler 13 min., Forster 69 min.

WESTS

1 (0)

Byles 77 min.

South Sydney

1 (0)

Harris 71 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Cajkovic 4, Bakarie 3, Nacinovic 3, Waters 4, Rudie 5, Trkulja 5, J. Alagich 3, F. Rudie 3, Bradjovic 3, Takne 4, Edwards 2.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * * *

Ramage 4, Gleeson 4, Cuthbert 4, Walker 4, Wilson 5, Galbraith 3, Dunlop 3, Gruicic 3, Tolson 3, Harvey 3, McAvoy 3 (replaced by Tuckerman 75 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Harris.

Haffey 4, Davey 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 5, (Walsh 75 min.), Marnoch 3, Gardiner 3, Rutherford 4, Yardley 4, Keddie 4 (R. Smith 70 min.), Baartz 4, Silva 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Maglis 4, Henson 3, Parkin 3, Barboutis 3, H. Xipolitas 4, Wetton 3, McCulloch 3, Harding 4 (Clarke 66 min.), Thorne 2, B. Smith 3, Cullendon 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3, Stewart 3, Strachan 3, Brady 4, McDonald 4, Edwards 3, Malone 5, Schneider 3, Simpson 3, Sidey 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Queded.

Match rating: * * * *

Fraser 4, Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3 (Kerklaan 3), Zivkovic 4, J. Xipolitas 4, Hardy 3, Mullen 3, Kulak 4, Thompson 3, Bamforth 4, Lowry 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Reilly 3, Harris 4, Sandell 4, Utjesenovic 4, Williams 5, Schaefer 4, Warren 4 (replaced half-time Campbell 3), Ainslie 4, Abonyi 4, Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * *

King 5, Harcombe 3, McLaughlin 3, Pedersen 3, Perry 3, Rootsey 4, Blanco 4, Cronk 2, Rooney 3, Butler 3, Armytage (replaced Weir, 2, 11 min.).

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Rorke 5, Robertson 4, B. Jones 3 (replaced in 25th min. by Giacometti 4), Bon 3, Moschen 4, Connolly 3, Cooper 4, Cudek 4, Santoro 3, K. Jones 4, Curran 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: M. Jones.

Match rating: * * * *

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, McGillivray 3, Hughes 4, Russell 3, Campbell 3, Blues 5, McKinnon 3, Forster 4, Butler 3 (replaced by Tristram in 55th min.).

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Harrison 3, Blue 4, Byles 4, Guildea (Kinnell 32 min.), Turner 3, Spiekerman 3, Jack 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 4, Clarke 3, Thomson 3, Shepherd 3, Ashurst 3, Doyle 4, Frakes 3 (Trail 74 min.), Wright 3, Harris 4, McLean 4, Sullivan 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kiss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

An exciting match which held the spectators' interest right to the final whistle. Ryde looked the better team throughout and dominated the midfield, but there was nothing scandalous about the visitors' draw. They fought back to equalise twice and although Ryde had many more chances they were good value for a point. Luck wasn't on Ryde's side in several touch-and-go near misses in the United goalmouth, but the home team contributed to its own relative downfall by crowding the middle instead of opening on the wings in attack. It is significant that both their goals were scored from movements initiated on the flanks. It was a pity that personal feuds and punch-ups somewhat marred the last 25 minutes, but full marks to referee Novelli for preventing several nasty incidents by using good judgment.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 1,885.

— MIKE RENWICK

After a rather uneventful first half slightly dominated by Pan Hellenic, Hakoah completely took charge of the second half and Pan Hellenic were never a chance even though they equalised in the 59th minute. Hellenic's defence had no answer to Hakoah's all-star forward-line and to John Watkiss' masterly dominance of the midfield. Willie Rutherford's speed tore huge gaps in the willing Pan Hellenic defence and in the latter stages he almost scored three more goals when he streaked towards the unguarded goal. Pan Hellenic started off in bright style. Throwing the ball around with nippy, incisive passes, they had the Hakoah defence backpedalling, but Hakoah weathered the storm towards the end of the half, and from then never looked back.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 6,116.

— LOU GAUTIER

An interesting game, the result of which was in doubt right up to the last minute. It was a very even game, with little separating both teams, although the first half was slightly in Canterbury's favor. Auburn played the more direct, robust football and in Frank Malone they had the best player on the field. Besides scoring the vital equaliser before halftime, Malone was a tower of strength in midfield and he initiated many attacks. The brilliant understanding which has developed between Zivkovic and Bamforth was climaxed with a great goal by the latter. With time running out, Auburn staged a fighting comeback and again equalised. Raeburn's replacement at halftime appeared to have an unsettling effect on the Canterbury side, many positions of which had to be reshuffled to accommodate Kerklaan.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 650.

— ERIC HULME

It was obvious from the start that Prague's main aim was to keep the score down to a respectable level. Not one scoring chance was created by them during the 90 minutes which, in turn, was a largely one-sided affair. However, the Saints didn't really click and it was the strange lapse of form by Alston and Denton that saved Prague from a much heavier defeat. Prague's fighting spirit also made it more difficult for St. George to have things their way and it wasn't until some 20 minutes from the end, when Prague wilted, that the Saints' expected domination became complete. The match split the overdue return to form by Harry Williams whose sorties on the wing partly made up for the indifferent display of their two strikers.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 1,870.

— PAUL DEAN

APIA must have learnt that confidence alone does not win matches, even against injury stricken "kin folk." They squandered countless chances through poor finishing, although George Blues won them the lion's share of the ball. Marconi, still troubled by many injuries, put up a spirited second half performance after failing to convert a penalty that McQuire brilliantly saved and fully deserved to share the points. Towards the end, the game developed into the traditional "do-or-die" battle between these sides, but despite the keenness, all went smoothly thanks to a firm performance by referee Tony Boskovic.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 5,750.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Souths performed far better than they had the previous week, but they were still a shade lucky to gain a point in a very even match. The usually accurate Brian Turner of Wests missed from right in front in the 85th minute following a low cross from Greg Byles in a play that should have decided the game. Neither team was good value in the first half, and the match didn't really get into full swing until Mike Harris goal for Souths. This brought Archie Blue to the fore, and he and Greg Byles made some good openings, from which Byles got the equaliser with a slow, screwing ball.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 1,442.

— KEITH GILMOUR

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Sydney	5	1	—	20	6	11
Prague	4	2	—	15	5	10
APIA	4	1	1	12	3	9
Hakoah	4	1	1	12	7	7
Wests	3	1	3	23	3	7
St. George	2	3	1	9	9	7
SCU	2	2	2	10	16	6
Marconi	2	1	2	11	7	7
Auburn	2	2	4	8	4	8
Canterbury	1	2	3	7	21	4
Ryde	—	—	—	6	5	17
Pan Hellenic	—	—	—	6	5	20

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	4	—	1	17	7	12
Hakoah	5	—	1	14	3	10
Auburn	5	—	1	16	4	10
Ryde	4	1	1	11	11	9
SCU	2	1	2	7	12	3
APIA	1	1	4	8	14	3
Pan Hellenic	1	—	5	4	17	2
Canterbury	—	—	—	6	8	25

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	5	1	—	10	6	11
Surfurland	5	—	1	25	8	10
Melita Eagles	4	1	1	15	10	9
Corinthians	3	2	1	19	10	8
Polonia	4	2	1	12	11	7
Manly	3	1	2	9	8	7
Balgownie	2	3	1	11	11	5
Bankstown	2	4	7	13	4	4
Concordia	1	1	4	12	19	3
Artarmon	1	1	4	8	16	3
Guilford	1	—	5	8	15	2
NS-Inter	1	—	5	6	23	2

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	4	2	—	18	4	10
Bankstown	2	2	2	11	5	9
Manly	4	1	1	25	13	9
Polonia	3	2	1	21	11	8
Surfurland	3	2	1	17	9	8
Granville	3	1	2	18	11	7
Artarmon	2	2	2	11	13	6
Guilford	2	1	3	11	14	5
Concordia	2	2	4	10	29	4
Corinthians	1	1	4	12	19	3
Melita Eagles	1	1	4	7	14	3
NS-Inter	—	—	—	6	3	18

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	6	—	1	18	2	12
Bankstown	4	1	1	15	3	9
Granville	3	2	1	9	4	4
Balgownie	3	1	2	8	6	7
Surfurland	3	1	2	8	7	7
Melita Eagles	3	—	3	12	5	6
Polonia	3	—	3	10	6	6
Artarmon	3	—	3	10	6	6
Guilford	2	1	3	11	11	5
Corinthians	2	—	4	9	10	4
NS-Inter	1	1	4	7	19	3
Concordia	1	—	6	1	36	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'cliffie Scots	3	1	—	9	5	7
W. Sutherland	3	1	—	9	6	7
Mh. Districts	3	1	—	13	8	7
Bank City	1	2	1	7	4	4
Rosby W.	2	—	2	10	6	4
Lane Cove	2	—	2	10	9	4
Belmore	2	—	2	7	9	4
Wentley Warrah	1	1	2	11	12	3
Enmore	2	—	2	7	8	2
N. Bankstown	1	1	2	6	9	3
Campbelltown	1	—	3	6	10	2
Merricksville	—	—	4	5	14	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. NSW	3	—	1	14	—	6
Riverside	2	1	—	15	6	5
G'ville Ravens	2	1	1	7	4	5
Rosberry	2	1	1	11	4	4
Concord Park	2	—	1	6	4	4
Newtown	2	—	1	12	8	4
Warringah	2	—	2	5	14	4
Yagone	—	—	2	5	14	—
Kewpie	—	—	3	2	19	—
South Sydney	—	—	4	1	15	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelso	4	—	1	14	3	8
Queens Park	4	—	1	13	3	8
West Ryde	4	—	1	11	3	8
Maroubra	3	—	1	13	7	6
Nepean	3	—	1	9	6	6
Sydney Uni.	2	—	1	9	6	6
Bondi	2	—	2	16	8	4
Bleektown	1	—	3	8	9	2
Lidcombe	1	—	3	1	18	2
Das Why	—	—	4	11	—	—
Auburn	—	—	4	1	15	—
Fairfield	—	—	4	1	29	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	3	1	—	17	4	7
W. St. George	3	1	—	15	4	7
Arndella RSL	3	—	1	18	6	4
Maccarie Uni.	3	—	1	15	5	6
Eastwood	2	1	1	10	7	5
Padstow Park	2	—	2	8	10	4
Thornleigh	2	—	2	9	18	4
Kurragai	1	1	2	12	8	3
Kogarah	1	1	2	11	10	3
Toongabbie	1	1	2	9	11	3
Greensacre	—	—	4	4	22	—
Liverpool	—	—	4	1	25	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

RESULTS	
FIRST DIVISION	
(Second and Third Grades)	
Sr. George v. Prague	2-2 2-3
Ryde v. SCU	1-2 0-4
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic	5-1 2-0
Wests v. South Sydney	1-2 3-2
Auburn v. Canterbury	3-0 5-0
Marconi v. APIA	0-4 2-5

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Corinthians could upset Sutherland

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

After six gruelling rounds, Granville is the only unbeaten team in Second Division and heads the ladder with a clear one-point lead, after beating Bankstown narrowly.

The defeat of Melita Eagles was undoubtedly the biggest upset of the sixth round, but the crash of Manly and North Sydney-Inter have also produced an interesting situation on the table.

Our match reports of the sixth round games:

Concordia v. Sutherland 2-5

Hard driven by Mike Johnson, Sutherland scored their fourth quintet of goals in six matches to win comfortably.

Within the first three minutes Sutherland were one-up with a goal by Alan Piggott, and although Concordia fought back to equalise through Komodina, Johnson scored one minute from the break to give his side the lead at half-time.

However, two goals within five minutes after the break gave Sutherland a good grip on the game, and although Concordia played some good football in midfield, they could not penetrate Sutherland's well-drilled defence.

Concordia: Wupper, Auras, Erasmus, Frassejovich, Uhl, Kappacher, Gassner, Baumgartner (1), Chiarelli (Nazor), J. Komodina (1), Sommer.

Sutherland: Hughes, Watts (Jordan, 1), Smith, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, (Suggitt), Piggott (1), Lavan, Johnson (1), MacKnight, Cacciola (2).

Granville v. Bankstown 3-2

Three goals in the first 10 minutes gave Granville a winning grip which it never relinquished, despite a fight-back by Bankstown that brought the score to 3-2.

All five goals were scored in a thrilling first half, and one of Bankstown's goals was scored from a penalty-kick by Mick Prokurat who also scored Bankstown's other goal.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Brown, Williams (Bruce), Staunton, Miranda, Lee (1), Rutley (Loftus), Gippert, O'Neill (2), Schauman.

Balgownie v. Guildford 2-0

Without their player-coach in the team, Balgownie made hard work of their victory.

Balgownie could have won by a much bigger score but their forwards shot atrociously.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davis, McCullough, McLean, Orphin, Hall, McGuckin, Waterman (1), Findlay, (Newman), Beard, Freeme (1).

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Pierce, Jack, Brincat, Lowe, Wood, Bligh, Schofields (Reynolds), Hann, Shepherd.

Polonia v. Melita Eagles 4-3

First Division contenders Melita Eagles suffered their first setback of the season when through sheer complacency they let this

game slip through their grasp.

Close to 1,000 people watched an entertaining match which saw Polonia take the lead after 10 minutes through Wozniczko.

Melita retaliated with three good goals and at half-time had a firm grip on the match with a 3-1 lead.

However, the team slackened in the second half and allowed Polonia to hit home three goals in 15 minutes and take the points with minutes to spare.

Krawiarz and Wozniczko were brilliant for Polonia. Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Zanis, Nowacki (1), Mula, Kommoder, Popowski (Skorok), Szmidt, Grudjenski (Starek 1), Krawiarz (1), Wozniczko (1).

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Edwards, D. MacAusland, Duffy, Cunningham, Gathereole (1), MacDougall (1), Hoare (1), Hennessy.

Corinthians v. Manly 3-1

Two second half goals by right-winger Michael Cairns gave Corinthians a deserved victory over inexperienced opponents.

The match was a hard-tackling encounter, and although it was pretty even in the first half, Barnett won the midfield for Corinthians in the second half.

Manly were first to score through a penalty by Philip Russell, but Corinthians equalised through Crawford Potter to exchange posts on level terms.

Corinthians: Wilson, Henry, Haggett (Smith), Barnett, Cilia, Jagger, Cairns (2), Reynolds, Potter (1), Collins, Watkins (McEnally).

Manly: Woods, Russell (1), Boden, Myron, Hutchinson, McGill, R. Jones, Hughes, Keddie, Davidson, Mallam.

Artarmon v. NS-Inter 3-1

Two goals in 10 minutes by Jim Morgan and Ken Nacinovich paved the way for Artarmon's convincing victory.

Artarmon held the upper hand in the first half, but Inter played much better in the second, using the long ball effectively to give Artarmon some anxious moments.

John Seaborn scored Artarmon's third goal a couple of minutes from fulltime.

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, M. Nacinovich, Alexander, Quinn, Brown (Cole), Lowe (Seaborn 1), Harding, K. Nacinovich (1), Morgan (1), Williams.

NS-Inter: Markulin, Foster, Gray, Stuart, Muir, Hargreave, Mucillo, Spreng (1), Poletto, Smit, Nimac.

Goal of the Week

Sutherland's third goal against Concordia by 17-year old Bob Jordan. Making his debut in first grade, he picked the ball and from 20 yards drove into the net through a wall of players.

Top scoring feat

Mal O'Neill's two quick goals for Granville which were the deciding factor against Bankstown.

THIS WEEK

The feature match of the weekend which should attract a fair crowd is the clash between Sutherland and Corinthians at Seymour Shaw Park on Saturday.

With Greg Woods and Alan Piggott troubled by injuries, Sutherland might have to use inexperienced reserves while Corinthians are pretty confident they could tackle the best after recent performances.

Sutherland should start favorites, but a draw or even a narrow win for Corinthians is not impossible.

In other matches Granville will have to produce its best to topple Balgownie and the Manly-Balgownie clash could develop into a ding-dong affair.

Melita should not be unduly extended to win at Guildford, while Concordia and Bankstown also look likely winners.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League soccer resumes this weekend with the highlight of the round featuring the Sunday clash at Footscray between joint league leaders JUST and Croatia.

Despite their goal-average lead on the ladder, JUST appear to have a tough task ahead of them. For Croatia's form and record this year is much more convincing, having already thumped JUST 5-1 in the Ampol Cup final, decisively beating Western Suburbs in the Inter-City final and in their last league outing they tore strips off last year's State League champions to the tune of a 5-1 win.

Other matches this weekend: Saturday: George Cross v. Lions (Footscray), Polonia v. Juventus (Maribynong), Hakoah v. Wilhelmna (Middle Park).

Sunday: Box Hill v. SM-Hellas (Box Hill), Alexander v. Melbourne-HSC (Olympic Park).

Back in Melbourne with a "for sale" tag on his back is Frank Torque, the Dutch-born forward who scored many goals for Lions, Juventus and Wilhelmna. Torque has until recently been player-coach of second Division South Australian side Broken Hill and, although they are reported to be asking \$1,000 for the player, my guess is they will jump at getting half this amount.

Attracting the attention of several State League sides is 23-year-old striker Graham Clamp, of Prahran City. Clamp is a brother of Eddie Clamp, who starred for so long in English First Division soccer with Wolves.

Tommy Roseweir, the former Lions and Victorian utility player, is playing with Stranraer in the Scottish Second Division. Roseweir, who played for Lions and Victoria both in defence and attack, returned home to Scotland late last year after giving the Essendon side five great years of service.

Ron Frost, the English right-winger of Juventus is out of action through suspension after his ordering off against South Melbourne Hellas. Frost won't be available for his club until they meet George Cross on May 9.

Sandy Jones, the former Slavia and Victorian defender, is now settled in South Africa, but is at present out of soccer as he has no clearance from this end. Sandy, a former Albion Rovers and Ayr United player, returned to Scotland and married his South African fiancée before going to her home country to settle.

Jackie Duden, who served Polonia so well in their golden years in the early 1960's, is back with the club as assistant team-manager to John Klinecki, who is also Victorian team manager.

Although Lou Straface is still on the grade one list of Victorian referees, he has been conspicuous by his absence so far this season and there appears to be more to his omission than meets the eye. Not so long back Straface was on the FIFA list of whistlers.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Queens Park, Newtown State Cup survivors

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Queens Park and Newtown, both Inter-Suburban sides, outstayed the Federation Third Division clubs and have won places in the State Cup proper.

Queens Park included two Mike Horrigan goals in their 5-0 win over Lane Cove, who were well outclassed.

Newtown outstayed West Sutherland for a 3-2 win in extra-time, after the young West Sutherland team had performed very creditably, but relaxed to their more experienced and tougher opponents.

In League fixtures, Concordia Park gained the win of the week with a close 1-0 win over Rosebery in the First Division.

Roger Kwicz got the vital goal in the 65th minute, after a nice move in which John Stojkr and John Rae participated.

Concordia Park had their anxious moments, and can thank goalie Phillip Cadwallan and defenders Nino Bertozzo, Claude Bertozzo and Stan Stojkr for a fine defensive display.

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TOO STRONG

Riverside Rapids were technically too strong for Yagoona.

Their scorers were Melita (3), Sykora, Bachner, Krejza and Sokol.

Stan Grezek scored for Banks City in their 1-1 draw with Enmore, but the lack of a striker cost them four more.

Chelsea gained a 2-0 win over a much improved Dee Why side in Second Division, with Mike Speed having a typically good game.

Lidcombe aren't the Lidcombe of old, and went down 0-3 to Nepean.

Nepean got two penalties, and Les Hanson flicked one ball across to centre-forward Chris Gallagher, who drove a great volley for the other goal.

A crowd of 400 attended the top Third Division encounter between West St. George and Greenwich at H.V. Evatt Park, Lugarno, which finished in a 1-1 draw.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

St. Sydney v. Newtown 0-4 1-3

Riverside v. Yagoona 7-3 2-1

Rosebery v. Concordia PK 0-1 1-1

Werrisbah v. Guildford 2-0 1-1

SECOND DIVISION

Maroubra v. Syd. Uni. 4-2 1-6

Fairfield v. Blacktown 0-7 2-0

Queens Park v. Auburn 3-0 2-0

West Ryde v. Bondi 3-1 6-3

Nepean v. Lidcombe 3-0 8-0

Chelsea v. Dee Why 2-0 5-0

THIRD DIVISION

Eastwood v. Padstow PK 1-2 4-3

Macqu. Uni. v. Liverpool 7-0 5-0

W. St. Geo. v. Greenwich 1-1 1-4

Amcliffe RSL v. Thornleigh 7-1 5-1

Greenacre v. Kuring-gai 0-7 0-4

Toongabbie v. Kogarah 2-2 1-3

Macqu. Uni. v. Eastwood 1-2 1-3

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Riverside v. Granville

Kepps v. Melrose Oval

Yagoona v. Concordia Park

O'Neill Park, Uni. NSW v. Gladesville Ravens

D. Phillips Field, Bondi v. Chelsea

Waverley Oval v. Macquarie Uni.

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

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SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

FIRST DIVISION

Canterbury

0 (0)

Fraser 4, Whitehead 4, Kerklaan 4, Kulak 5, J. Xipolitas 4, Hardy 4, Mullen 2, Zivkovic 3, Thompson 2, Bamforth 2, Salerno 4 (replaced Lowry, 2, at half-time).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Kostantakopoulos.

Match rating: * * *

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Ramage 4, Gleeson 4, Cuthbert 3, Walker 4, Wilson 3, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 2 (J. Stewart 75 min.), Harvey 3, Tolson 4, Gruicic 3, McAvoy 2 (Tuckerman 65 min.).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Harris.

WESTS

3 (1)

Spiekerman 42 min., Kinnell 52 min., Turner 55 min.

Prague

1 (0)

Perry 83 min.

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 3, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Harrison 4, Blue 4, Byles 3 (Bijkerk 69 min.), Spiekerman 3, Turner 4, Kinnell 4, Jack 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * *

Prague

King 3, Harcombe 3 (Henderson 56 min.), Weir 3, McLaughlin 2, Pedersen 3, Rootsey 3, Butler 4, Blanco 4, Blacker 3, Rooney 3, Reilly 2 (Perry 54 min.).

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

P. Hellenic

2 (0)

H. Xipolitas 72 min. (penalty), Barboutis 76 min.

Maglis 3, Hanson 3, Parkin 4, Barboutis 3, H. Xipolitas 4, Weiton 4, Smith 3, Manuel 3, McCulloch 3, Thorne 4, Cullodon 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * * *

Marconi

2 (0)

Richards 57 min., Giacometti 84 min. (penalty).

Rorke 4, Robertson 3, Curran 4, Richards 4, Moschen 4, Bon 3, Cooper (sent off), Cudek 3 (Santoro 72 min.), Connolly 3, Giacometti 3, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: M. Jones.

South Sydney

1 (0)

McLean 83 min.

Corry 4, Clarke 3, Thomson 3, Shepherd 3, Ashurst 3, Doyle 4, Taylor 4, Wright 2, Harris 2 (Trail 80 min.), Sullivan 3 (Prakes 76 min.), McLean 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Hakoah

3 (2)

Watkins 34 min., Keddie 37 min., Yardley 70 min.

Haffey 4, Davey 3, Macnoch 4, Hillsdon 4, Gardiner 4, Watkiss 5, Rutherford 4, Keddie 3, Yardley 3, Baartz 3, Silva 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: C. Fleming.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3, Hughes 3, Russell 4, Campbell 2, Blues 5, McKinnon 4, Forster 2 (Pollard 68 min.), Butler 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: W. Tamaandl.

Match rating: * * * *

Ryde

1 (0)

J. Alagich 50 min.

Cajkusic 4, Bakarie 3 (M. Alagich 87 min.), Nacinovic 4, Trkulja 4, I. Rudic 5, F. Rudic 3, J. Alagich 5, Brajkovic 3, Edwards 2, Takac 3, Waters 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Auburn

0 (0)

Williamson 4, Selfridge 3, Stewart 3, Malone 4, Brady 3, Strachan 4, Edwards 4, Simpson 2, (Siday 61 min.), Rogers 2, Schneider 3, McDonald 4.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

St. George

2 (1)

Abonyi 16 min., Campbell 89 min.

Reilly 3, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Sandell 3, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 4, Campbell 3, Alston 3, Denton 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

One couldn't have wished for a fairer result as neither side deserved to lose — or win — a match of fluctuating fortunes. The Berries, to everyone's surprise, not only had at least as many glaring scoring chances, but actually played the more constructive soccer. South Coast overdid the high balls in a bid to set up Max Tolson and unnerve goalie Jim Fraser. Canterbury, for their part, erred by crowding the middle where they floundered on Peter Wilson, imperial as ever. Had they switched play more to the wings they might have snatched another valuable point. Although play was generally scrappy, the indecision kept the spectators on their toes and the pro-Canterbury crowd had plenty to shout about right up to the final whistle.

Referee: K. Lockrey. Crowd: 1,220.

— LOU GAUTIER

It was obvious from the start that Prague were not going to give in without a fight. Despite promising sorties by Archie Blue, it wasn't until the 42nd minute that Spiekerman slammed the ball into the net after Garry King had mishandled. Soon after the interval, however, Wests asserted their superior class with two goals in three minutes to seal the result. After that, they were content to coast along and keep pushing the ball about. Prague were rewarded for not giving up with a consolation goal in the 83rd minute after Jim Rooney sent John Butler away on the wing and his strong low cross was volleyed home by substitute Sasha Perry. Despite Prague's courage and valiant attempts, this was a pretty one-sided match which Wests could have won much more convincingly.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 950.

— BILL VROLYKS

Neither side impressed in the first half, and the shooting couldn't have burst a paper bag. A draw was on the cards, and a draw it was, but only after an exciting and incident-packed second half. Marconi's Alan Cooper started the explosion by allegedly knocking Harry Xipolitas in the face. Cooper had played well, but Marconi pulled out all stops after his dismissal. Ray Richards, obviously working for his place in the Australian squad, had Marconi ahead with a glorious goal, but within 20 minutes Pan Hellenic were right on top, causing Marconi's Bill Rorke to show his best form in handling the ball in the air. Pan Hellenic had the match in hand when George Barboutis tripped Col Curran in the box, and there was no risk that Johnny Giacometti would fail from the penalty spot.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 5,830.

— KEITH GILMOUR

The fairly inexperienced South Sydney team failed to push Hakoah to the limit. Hakoah, now starting to play with purpose and zest, mounted attack after attack, often in a spectacular fashion. In the first half Silva was their most stylish striker, slipping past defenders on the blind side with consummate ease. However, the chief promoter was Watkins, the architect of Hakoah's victory, seemingly feeling very cosy in the free-roving midfield role. Souths' attack was meek and it was only towards the end, when Hakoah eased up, that they got into the game and created those chances which, earlier in the piece, could have made a difference for them.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 2,055.

— PAUL DEAN

A highly satisfying game which ended with Ryde's deserved victory. Ryde adopted the right tactics to unsettle A.P.I.A., especially in the first half when they were more than willing to "mix it" with their opponents. Ryde's defence assuredly won them the two points, with Ivo Rudic back at his dazzling best in the last 25 minutes when A.P.I.A. attacked desperately for the equaliser. Ryde played the better, more skilful soccer throughout and it was yet another typical Joe Alagich goal which gave them their win in the 50th minute, but, oh, what a blunder by Stan Ackerley to have let the elusive "Little Joe" unmarked. A lot of fire came into the game in the latter stages when referee N. Campbell almost lost control.

Referee: N. Campbell. Crowd: 4,882.

— LOU GAUTIER

Auburn's improved fitness and strong determination dispelled any dreams of a big St. George victory. The absence of Johnny Warren in midfield seemed to upset the Saints' free-scoring machine which could never settle down to its usual rhythm. Although St. George looked potentially dangerous when in possession, the hard-tackling and fast-moving Auburn defence cut short their attacks before they could be effective. It was fullback George Harris who created trouble for Auburn with several runs on the wing and deadly crosses down the middle from which Saints' first goal was scored. Wingers Ken Edwards and John McDonald were a constant threat to the St. George defence, which under pressure was not very confident.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 2,010.

— CHARLES SPITERI

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	5	1	1	20	4	11
Prague	4	3	1	16	6	11
Hakoah	5	1	1	24	9	11
South Sydney	5	1	1	22	10	11
St. George	3	3	1	11	10	9
Wests	3	2	2	24	9	8
SCU	3	2	2	15	18	8
Marconi	3	1	3	13	17	7
Auburn	2	2	5	5	10	4
Canterbury	1	2	6	9	26	4
Pan Hellenic	7	5	2	22	1	
Ryde	7	6	2	25	1	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	6	1	1	18	10	12
Auburn	5	1	1	16	4	11
Hakoah	5	2	1	15	12	10
Wests	5	3	1	15	9	9
Ryde	4	1	2	13	14	9
South Sydney	4	2	3	19	9	8
Marconi	2	2	3	9	11	6
St. George	2	1	4	11	16	5
APIA	2	1	4	11	16	5
SCU	1	2	4	9	13	4
Pan Hellenic	2	1	5	5	17	4
Canterbury	1	1	6	10	25	1

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	5	2	1	20	8	19
Sutherland	5	1	2	27	12	10
Corinthians	4	2	1	19	12	10
Manly	4	1	2	11	5	9
Melita Eagles	4	1	2	15	11	9
Polonia	4	1	3	17	18	5
Balgownie	4	2	3	12	13	6
Artarmon	2	1	4	11	17	5
Concordia	2	1	4	14	20	5
Guildford	2	1	5	9	15	4
Bankstown	2	1	5	8	16	4
NS-Inter	1	1	6	7	25	2

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	4	3	1	14	5	11
Bankstown	4	3	1	13	5	11
Manly	5	1	1	25	14	11
Sutherland	4	2	1	19	10	10
Granville	3	2	2	19	12	8
Polonia	3	2	2	22	15	8
Guildford	3	1	3	15	17	5
Artarmon	2	2	3	11	15	6
Concordia	2	1	3	12	14	5
Corinthians	1	1	5	9	16	3
Melita Eagles	1	1	5	8	18	3
NS-Inter	1	1	6	5	20	1

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	7	1	1	20	3	14
Bankstown	5	1	2	10	7	11
Balgownie	4	1	2	10	7	9
Melita Eagles	4	1	3	15	5	8
Sutherland	3	1	3	9	9	8
Granville	3	1	3	12	6	7
Polonia	3	1	3	17	15	6
Artarmon	3	1	3	13	15	6
Corinthians	2	1	4	10	11	5
Guildford	2	1	3	12	11	5
NS-Inter	1	2	4	8	20	4
Concordia	1	1	6	2	27	1

THIRD DIVISION

Nth. Districts	3	2	1	16	11	8
Acliffro Seem	3	1	1	12	8	7
W. Sutherland	2	1	1	10	7	7
Banks City	2	2	1	10	4	6
Belmore	2	2	1	10	11	6
Reverby W.	2	1	2	13	9	5
Wentworth	2	1	2	13	5	5
Nth. Bankstown	2	1	2	9	5	5
Campbelltown	2	1	3	10	11	4
Lane Cove	2	1	3	10	12	4
Enmore	1	1	3	6	10	3
Marrickville	1	1	3	6	18	

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	7	1	1	22	7	7
G'ville Ravens	3	1	1	11	4	2
Uni. NSW	3	1	2	14	4	6
Resbury	3	1	1	12	4	6
Concord Park	3	1	1	9	4	6
Warrington	3	2	1	10	7	6
Newtown	2	2	1	13	12	4
Yagoona	3	1	3	17	1	
Kewlands	4	1	3	26		
South Sydney	7	1	1	15		

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	5	1	1	16	10	8
Queens Park	5	1	1	21	3	10
West Ryde	5	1	1	16	3	10
Kepson	4	1	1	12	8	8
Maroubra	3	1	2	15	10	6
Sydney Uni.	2	3	1	19	8	4
Bondi	2	3	1	16	10	4
Blacktown	1	3	1	10	10	4
Fairfield	1	4	2	22	2	
Lidcombe	1	4	1	23	2	
Dee Why	1	5	4	13		
Auburn	1	5	1	16		

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	4	1	1	19	4	9
W. St. George	4	1	1	12	5	8
Arncliffe RSL	4	1	1	24	7	8
Macquarie Uni.	4	1	1	19	6	8
Eastwood	3	1	1	14	9	7
Padstow Park	2	2	2	10	5	5
Ku-ring-gai	1	2	2	12	8	4
Thornleigh	2	3	1	20	4	4
Kogarah	1	1	3	12	14	3
Toongabbie	1	1	3	9	13	3
Greenacre	1	5	6	28		
Liverpool	1	5	3	29		

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grades)
Canterbury v. SCU	2-2
Wests v. Prague	1-1
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi	0-2
St. George v. Hakoah	2-4
Auburn v. St. George	1-0
APIA v. Ryde	8-1

SECOND DIVISION	(All Grades)
Sland v. Corinth	2-1
NS-Inter v. G'ville	2-2
B'town v. Artarmon	1-3
B'ownie v. G'ville	2-2
Manly v. Polonia	2-0
Guildford v. Melita	1-0

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Granville tipped to stay in front

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The topsy-turvy results of last week's matches did not dramatically alter the competition ladder, but the loss of points by the top teams will ensure plenty of pressure in rounds to come.

Both Sutherland and Melita Eagles were beaten allowing Granville to take a two-point lead.

At the other end, NS-Inter are now completely isolated and must get points immediately to save themselves from relegation.

Highlights of a round of surprises were:

NS-Inter v.

Concordia 1-2

Concordia, playing with more determination, shot to the lead within four minutes when Roland Sommer pounced on a long ball from Nazor to find the net.

Half-way through the half Inter missed a golden opportunity to equalise when Bill Stuart hit the post from the penalty spot after a foul on Smit by Auras, but Concordia went further ahead when John Komodina's shot was blocked by an Inter defender and Sommer was on hand to crash home the rebound.

Inter reduced the leeway three minutes later when Spresian gave Nimac a perfect pass to score.

NS-Inter: Markulin, Foster, Gray, Arezjewski, Stuart, Randy, Muir, Spresian, Poletto, Smit, Nimac (1).

Concordia: Wupper, Auras, Erasmus, Nazor, Uhl, Franojevic (Chiarella), Baumgartner, Doller (Woznica), Gassner, J. Komodina, Sommer (2).

Sutherland v.

Corinthians 2-4

Corinthians overcame a two-goal deficit to beat Sutherland convincingly.

Sutherland were without Woods, Cacciola and Watts, but even with them in the team it is doubtful whether they could have held the determined Corinthians on the day.

With Casey De Bruin making his debut, Sutherland were two goals up early but Corinthians fought back in brilliant fashion to lead 3-2 at half-time.

In the second half, Corinthians continued to dominate the game, and although they scored only one goal their victory was never in doubt.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, De Bruin, Bennett, Smith, Piggott, Lavan (1), Suggett (Sambrook), MacKnight (1) (Jordan), Johnson.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Smith, Barnett, Cilia, Jagger, Cairns (1), Reynolds, Potter (1), Collins (2), McNally.

Balgownie v.

Granville 2-2

Balgownie produced their best football of the season and were unlucky not to keep both points at home.

They dominated the game until the last 20 minutes when they led comfortably 2-0, but then they had two defensive lapses and Granville nipped in

with two goals from their replacements.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davies, McCullough, McLean, Orphin, Hall, McGuckin (1), Waterman (Bradford), Findlay (Newman), Beard, Freeme (1).

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Miranda, Staunton, Brown, Loftus, Gippert (Lee 1), Froude (Bruce 1), O'Neill, Schaumann.

Manly v.

Polonia 2-0

In a fast entertaining game, Manly scored a goal in each half.

Jim Hughes scored the first after 20 minutes and with a bit of luck could have scored two more in each case with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Bobby Jones scored the second goal 15 minutes into the second half.

Manly: Gee, Russell, G. Jones, Keddie (Dunwell), Hutchinson, McGill, Crawford, Hughes (1), Boden, Davidson, R. Jones (1).

Guildford v.

Melita Eagles 1-0

A high ball three minutes from fulltime which deceived goalkeeper Steve Hozowski robbed Melita Eagles of a valuable point.

Melita were over-confident and allowed Guildford too much room and time to operate.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Pierce, Jack, Lowe, Bligh (Morley), Hann

Goal of the week

Matt Collins' second goal for Corinthians against Sutherland was a gem. He picked a Barnett pass from midfield and from 20 yards found the left hand corner of the net with incredible precision.

Best scoring feat

Roland Sommer, of Concordia, turned up where most unexpected to score both goals for his team against NS-Inter.

(1), Schofield, Shepherd (Brineat), Wood.

Melita Eagles: Hozowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Edwards, D. MacAusland, Duffy, Cunningham, Gathercole, MacDougall, Hoare, Hennessy (Beattie).

Bankstown v.

Artarmon 1-3

A rejuvenated and confident Artarmon were unlucky not to lead at half-time but after a defensive lapse, came good to win convincingly.

Fifteen minutes into the second half David Hoare capitalised on a defensive mistake to give the Towns the lead, but three goals in a space of 15 minutes gave Artarmon a deserved victory.

Bankstown: Campbell, Sheldrick, Farrell, White, Fitzpatrick, Turnbull, Hoare (1) (Trow), Prokurat, Martin, Madden, Roberts.

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, M. Nacinovich, Brown, (Cole 1), Quinn, MacGuinness, Lowe (Seaborn), Harding, K. Nacinovich (1), Morgan, Williams (1).

THIS WEEK

Polonia v. Sutherland and Melita Eagles v. Manly should steal the limelight this weekend, but there is also the "Derby" between Granville and Guildford which could attract a large crowd.

Granville should start hot favorites, but after their success against Melita, Guildford are brimming with optimism.

The match between Polonia and Sutherland at Mona Park should produce good soccer as the big ground will suit the style of both teams.

Also at Mona Park, the tussle between Melita and Manly should be attractive and we take Melita to win narrowly.

Corinthians and Bankstown should also win, while Artarmon may get a point off Balgownie.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results: Glebe v. Concord 1-0, 1-2; Viking v. Belfield 6-0, 2-2; Georges Hall v. Spanish 1-1, 1-1; Hungaria-Vauluse v. Riverstone 0-5, 3-1; Azzurri Leichhardt v. Broughton 3-0 1-3.

This week's draw — Saturday: Spanish v. Belfield; Cintra Park. Sunday: Spanish v. Concord — Moore Park; Riverstone v. Glebe — Schofield Park; Broughton v. Georges Hall — Steel Park; Hungaria-Vauluse v. Belfield — Outer Wentworth Park; Azzurri v. University — Eastern Park.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League soccer fixtures and venues for this weekend's sixth round are as follows:—

Saturday: Croatia v. Polonia (Olympic Park), Lions v. Box Hill (Essendon), SM Hellas v. Hakoah (Middle Park).

Sunday: Juventus v. George Cross (Olympic Park), Wilhelmina v. Alexander (Ringwood), Melbourne v. JUST (Middle Park).

Last week's results: JUST 1 (Buljevic) d. Croatia 0, George Cross 1 (Kelly) d. Lions 0, Hakoah 2 (Darham, Murney) d. Wilhelmina 1 (Ollerton), Polonia 1 (Olinowski) d. Juventus 0, SM Hellas 3 (Armstrong 2, Pyrgolios) d. Box Hill 1 (Coles), Melbourne-HSC 2 (Pocock, Bleskany) d. Alexander 0, Standings: JUST 10 points; Croatia 8; Hellas, Polonia, Melbourne-HSC 7; Box Hill, Juventus 5; Hakoah, George Cross 4; Wilhelmina 3; Alexander, Lions 0.

The Victorian Soccer Federation will shortly run a three-evening course so that members will become more publicly-conscious. TV, radio and pressmen will be invited to lecture soccer officials who don't understand or appreciate the value of publicity for the game. The VSF hopes at the conclusion of the schooling that soccer officials will then be in a position to give the Press, TV and radio the news they want. It's a sad state of affairs that the soccer officials themselves don't realise the value of publicity without having to be schooled after such an extensive experience as some have had in the local game.

John Kennedy, the former Wilhelmina keeper who has been with Alexander for the past 18 months, is compelled to quit Australian soccer and return to Scotland soon as his wife who went home some time ago for a holiday is ill and won't be returning to Melbourne. Kennedy, a capable goalie, played with Scottish junior clubs Arnisdon Rangers and Armadale Thistle before coming to Australia.

Cedo Cirkovic, the former JUST player and coach, has replaced Sjel De Bruyckere as coach of the struggling Alexander. Cirkovic will also strip for Alexander, who have secured two other players as well from JUST.

Never before in the history of the Victorian State League has a club at this early stage of the season taken such an almighty step as placing their five top players on the open-to-transfer list. And especially if their status has been threatened. But this is exactly what George Cross have done by offering for sale Luther Kastner, John Pryde, John Gardiner, Jimmy Smart and Kevin Walker — their top quintet of players who have been on the sidelines through club suspension since they rebelled against the club payments and failed to appear and play since the first league match of this season. Any clubs interested in any of these players should contact Joe Bartolo on 396-2396 in the evenings.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

RAPIDS DISPLAY CLASS IN MAMMOTH VICTORY

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Riverside Rapids gained a mammoth 7-1 win over Granville Kewpies at Mahony Oval last Saturday.

Kewpies virtually used a nine-man defence in the first half and held Riverside's scoring down to two goals, but the full pressure caused the avalanche in the second half.

Riverside's scorers were Krejza (3), Sykora (2) and Sokol (2).

Chelsea held its joint top position in Second Division with West Ryde Rovers and Queens Park by downing Bondi 2-0 in an entertaining match at Waverley Oval.

Centre-back Andy Tulloch was the key man in Chelsea's outstanding defence, and Frank McLoughlin worked hard to spread the Marine's defence.

After seven minutes Graham Robertson goalied through a bunch of players.

Hugh Tulloch got the second after 50 minutes —

a great shot taken on the turn from a position with his back to the goal.

GOOD WORK

Condell Park kept up the good work with a 3-0 win over Yagoona at O'Neill Park.

John Stojko (2) and Joe Ral were the scorers, and Claude Bertozzo, Rod Fitzpatrick, Stan Stojko and Stan Ral combined well in defence.

Shock of the week was Newtown Progressive's 4-1 loss to the improving Warringah side.

Dave Calphy and Greg Khadorian got the goals for Greenwich in their 2-0 win over the nippy young Toongabbie team at Gore Creek Reserve in Third Division.

A late goal from David Afflick gave West St George a 2-1 win over Thornleigh.

Thornleigh were pressing hard at the end, after both sides had scored from the penalty spot.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

Riverside v. Kewpies 7-1
Yagoona v. Condell Pk. 0-3
Uni. NSW v. G. Ravens 0-3
Newtown v. Warringah 1-4
Uni. NSW v. Rosebery 0-1

SECOND DIVISION

Bondi v. Chelsea 0-2
Sydney Uni. v. Blacktown 1-2
Lidcombe v. West Ryde 0-5
Dee Why v. Queens Park 0-2
Auburn v. Fairfield 0-1

THIRD DIVISION

Thornleigh v. W. St. Geo. 1-2
Liverpool v. Eastwood 2-4
Kuringgai v. Padstow P. 0-0
Greenwich v. Toongabbie 2-0
Greenacre v. Acliff RSL 2-6
Kogarah v. Macquarie U. 1-1

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: South Sydney v. Riverside Rapid — Boorle Park; Condell Park v. Uni. NSW; Bankstown Soccer Centre, Chelsea v. Lidcombe — Moore Park 13; Blacktown v. Auburn Juniors — Francis Park; Toongabbie v. Thornleigh — Gurrume Oval; West St George v. Greenacre — Belsley Oval.

Sunday: Granville Kewpies v. Yagoona — Colquhoun Park; Rosebery Rhodri v. Gladsville Ravens — Turruwull Park; Queens Park v. Bondi — Queens Park No. 3; West Ryde v. Maroubra — Meadowbank 3; Fairfield v. Dee Why — Knights Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Greenwich — Macquarie University; Eastwood Town v. Kogarah — Upper East Wood Oval; Padstow Park v. Liverpool City — Kelso 10; Nepean v. Sydney Uni. — Jamieson Park; Acliff RSL v. Kuringgai — Arcliffe Park.

Sydney Third Division

Shock losses last weekend

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

West Sutherland and Arncliffe Scots both suffered unexpected defeats last week, enabling Northern Districts to go one point ahead on the table, although they could only draw with Revesby Workers.

North Bankstown were in top form against Arncliffe Scots, with Alan Woodbine scoring a hat-trick in their 3-2 win.

Woodbine scored twice in the first half, one goal being from a direct free-kick.

Arncliffe attacked early in the second half, and for a time North Bankstown defence was in a panic, especially when their star keeper Dennis Kerr was forced to leave the field with a wrenched wrist.

The team settled down to the job again and gained the winning goal.

It was Belmore's day at Rudd Park and they gained a sound 3-2 win over West Sutherland.

Two goals from Leo Gagliano and a penalty from Tom Graham had Belmore ahead at 3-1, with

West Sutherland scoring again late in the game.

Fred Pearce, Belmore's captain, held his side together in the critical period late in the second half.

Campbelltown defeated the ineffectual Marrickville 4-1, with three goals from Bram Jerrison and one from Nick Stille.

RESULTS

A. Scots v. Nth. Brown 2-3
Marrickville v. Campbelltown 1-4
Revesby v. W. N. Districts 3-2
Wentworth v. Enmore 1-1
Belmore v. W. S'land 3-2
Lane Cove v. Banks City 0-3

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

Saturday: North Bankstown v. Marrickville — George Green; Campbelltown v. Revesby Workers — Campbelltown Showground; Enmore v. Belmore — Mackey Park.

Sunday: West Sutherland v. Arncliffe Scots — Seymour Shaw Park; Northern Districts v. Lane Cove — Englefield Stadium; Dural v. Banks City v. Wentworth — Bankstown Soccer Centre.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Hakoah

4 (1)

Baartz 24 min. (penalty),
57, 76 and 90 mins.

Prague

2 (0)

Hillsdon 60 min. (own goal),
Rooney 80 min.

Marconi

1 (1)

Richards 2 min.

South Sydney

1 (0)

Frakes 68 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (1)

Tolson 19 min., Harvey 84
min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (1)

Tristram 34 min.

WESTS

5 (3)

Jack 8 and 21 mins., Spie-
kerman 38 and 79 mins., Tur-
ner 70 min.

Auburn

3 (2)

Simpson 13, 27 and 66 mins.

Ryde

1 (0)

Edwards 65 min.

P. Hellenic

3 (1)

Culledon 11 min., Clarke
51 and 87 mins.

St. George

3 (0)

Abonyi 56 min., Denton 67
and 83 mins.

Canterbury

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Haffey 3, Davey 4, Hillsdon 2, Watkiss 4,
Marnoch 3, Gardiner 3, Rutherford 4, Yardley 3,
Keddie 3, Baartz 5, Silva (sent off 20 min.)

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * *

King 3, Harcombe (sent off 20 min.), Weir 3,
Pedersen 3, Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Ridley 2, Blanco 3
(R. Manuel 69 min.), Butler 4 (replaced Kianelli 27
min.), Rooney 4, Perry 2.

TOTAL: 30.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Rorke 4, Robertson 4, Curran 4, Richards 5,
Moschen 4, Bon 4 (Griffith 65 min.), Santoro 3,
Campbell 3, Connolly 3, Giacometti 3, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Jones.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 3, Page 3 (Carr 56 min.), Thomson 4,
Shepherd 4, Ashurst 4, Doyle 4, Taylor 3, Wright 4,
Harris 3 (Frakes 50 min.), Sullivan 4, McLean 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Ramage 4, Gleeson 3, Cuthbert 3 (McGunnigle
3), Walker 4, Wilson 5, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3,
Gruicic 3, Tolson 5, Harvey 3, Tuckerman 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * *

McQuire 3, Keith 3, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 4,
Callaghan 3 (replaced Hughes 23 min.), Russell 4,
Burnett 3, Blues 4, Tristram 3, McKinnon 4, Butler 5.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3,
Harrison 3, Blue 5, Byles 3, Turner 3, Spiekerman 4,
Kinnell 3, Jack 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * * *

Taylor 3, Selfridge 3 (Hoggart 88 min.), Stewart
3, Malone 4, Brady 3, Strachan 3, Edwards 3,
Simpson 5, Schneider 3, Rogers 3, MacDonald 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Cajkusic 3, Bakovic 3, I. Rudic 4, Nacinovic 3,
Trkulja 4, F. Rudic 4, Alagich 3, Brajkovic 4, Ed-
wards 3, Takac 3, Waters 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * * *

Maglis 5, Hanson 4, H. Xipolitis 4, Parkin 3,
Barboutsis 4, Wotton 4, Thorne 3, Manuel 3, Mc-
Culloch 4, Smith (replaced by Clarke, 3, after 18
min.), Culledon 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Reilly 4, Harris 5, Schaefer 4, Utjesenovic 4,
Sundell 4, Williams 3, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 4, Camp-
bell 2 (Herron 3), Alston 3, Denton 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 4, Raeburn 4, Kerklaan 3, Kulak 4, I.
Xipolitis 4, Hardy 3, Whitehead 3 (Salerno 64 min.),
Zivkovic 3, Thompson 3, Bamforth 2, Mullen 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Ray Baartz' four-goal exploit was the only re-
deeming feature of a drab, sub-standard match. Al-
though Hakoah always had the match in hand, they
played poorly, especially their usually solid defenders.
Haffey, Marnoch and Hillsdon. This trio was re-
sponsible for both Prague goals, the latter scoring
a "classic" own goal which gave Prague new heart
early in the second half after Hakoah appeared
headed for an easy, if unimpressive win. Butler and
Rooney had the shaky Hakoah defence in all sorts
of bother, but Baartz' scoring prowess saved the
day as a goal was always in the offing when Hakoah's
attack broke away. The match was surprisingly
rough. Two players were sent off and many were
"booked" by the referee.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 1,485.

— LOU GAUTIER

Marconi's home crowd thought their team
deserved better than a draw in this match, and in
reality they were slightly the better team, but prob-
ably not a full goal better. Col Curran was very
lively in attack as well as defence, but it was the
all-rounder Ray Richards who stole the show.
Richards scored Marconi's opening goal for the
second week running, and the clean, effortless way
in which he disposed his opponents was a revela-
tion. For Souths, Taylor was not fully back in touch
after injury, but Sullivan, Doyle and Wright were
very constructive. Both teams played better football
than their positions on the table suggest, which is
a pointer to some good matches ahead.

Referee: R. Lockrey.

Crowd: 2,000.

— KEITH GILMOUR

A real crowd-pleaser, the game started off in
great fashion and play went from one end to the
other at breakneck speed. The first half was very
even with both teams concentrating on attack.
Goalies Ramage and McQuire certainly earned their
keep in the first half, with Ramage bringing off fine
saves from shots by McKinnon. The second half was
a different story. It looked as though APIA had
used up all their energy as United literally bombarded
their goal for the full 45 minutes. The goal was
always "on" and when it eventually did come, in
the 84th minute, APIA quietly surrendered.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 4,816.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

This match made it clear that goals are the
spice of football, and any game with plenty of spice
will send the fans home happy. David Jack's first
header set the pace, and the same player soon fol-
lowed up a powerful header by George Kinnell
to score again. Wim Spiekerman showed his tremen-
dous shooting power when the mood takes him, and
the whole Wests team responded to the leadership
of Archie Blue, who has lost none of his guile or
determination. Auburn fought hard all the way, but
coach Tom Anderson may have to bring back Horst
Schneider as a striker and find another midfield
general. Frank Malone had a great first half, and
Jack Simpson was most constructive as well as being
in scoring mood.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 1,083.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Those in search of action and atmosphere found
both in this match which also provided some excel-
lent football in spurs. Pan Hellenic started off well
and in the first half hour or so played their best
stuff for some time. However, gradually Ryde took
over and only some spectacular bad luck prevented
them from grabbing the lead well before halftime.
Ryde continued to press after the interval, specially
after being down 0-2 and as Pan Hellenic began to
wilt, one had a feeling that they could still rescue
at least one point. But a serious blunder by Takac
and Cajkusic towards the end dashed Ryde's hopes
and gave a well deserved victory to the splendidly
combative and extremely willing Pan Hellenic.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 6,667.

— PAUL DEAN

Despite Canterbury's gallant resistance for almost
an hour, there was never any doubt that St. George
would win comfortably. They were always in control
and the Berries only had two real scoring chances.
Saints appeared to over-complicate things in the first
half, but once Abonyi scored, the floodgates were
opened and Denton's two goals rounded off a con-
vincing St. George victory. Goalkeeper Jim Fraser,
playing against his former team-mates, kept Canter-
bury in the match in the first half with some
splendid saves, but once the St. George machine
was in full swing he was helpless to stop the rot.
The inevitability of the outcome robbed the match
of any excitement as the writing was on the wall
almost from the kick-off.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,580.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	6	1	1	26	10	13
South Sydney	6	1	1	23	10	13
APIA	5	2	1	20	4	12
Prague	4	3	1	17	8	11
Wests	4	2	2	15	9	10
St. George	3	3	1	11	10	9
SCU	3	3	2	15	28	9
Marconi	3	1	4	13	18	7
Auburn	2	1	4	12	4	4
Canterbury	1	2	4	9	26	4
Pan Hellenic	1	2	4	9	24	2
Ryde	0	8	8	29		

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	5	2	1	15	6	12
Hakoah	5	1	2	16	12	
Prague	5	1	2	19	12	
Wests	3	4	1	17	11	10
Ryde	4	2	2	15	14	10
South Sydney	4	2	1	15	10	
Marconi	3	2	3	10	11	8
St. George	3	1	4	13	14	7
APIA	2	2	4	12	17	6
SCU	2	1	5	16	5	
Pan Hellenic	2	1	5	17	5	
Canterbury	1	7	11	27	1	

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	5	3	1	21	9	13
Corinthians	5	1	2	19	12	
Sutherland	4	1	2	21	13	12
Melita Eagles	5	1	2	18	13	11
Manly	4	1	3	13	11	9
Polonia	4	1	3	12	8	
Balgownie	2	3	3	14	7	
Bankstown	3	3	1	16	16	
Artarmon	2	2	4	12	18	6
Guildford	2	2	4	16	5	
Concordia	2	1	5	14	26	5
NS-Inter	1	7	7	31	2	

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	5	3	1	15	5	13
Manly	6	1	1	24	16	13
Sutherland	5	2	1	24	10	12
Balgownie	4	3	1	14	7	11
Guildford	4	1	3	17	15	9
Granville	3	2	3	19	14	8
Polonia	3	2	3	12	20	8
Artarmon	3	2	3	13	15	8
Corinthians	2	1	5	12	17	5
Concordia	2	1	5	12	23	5
Melita Eagles	1	6	10	23	1	
NS-Inter	1	7	6	23	1	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	8	1	1	22	4	16
Bankstown	4	1	2	15	4	13
Sutherland	4	2	1	10	10	10
Granville	4	1	3	12	7	9
Balgownie	4	1	3	10	7	9
Melita Eagles	4	1	3	10	7	8
Artarmon	4	1	3	15	8	
Polonia	3	5	18	17	6	
Corinthians	2	2	4	10	11	6
Guildford	2	1	5	12	16	5
NS-Inter	1	3	4	8	20	5
Concordia	1	7	2	4	21	1

THIRD DIVISION

Nth. Districts	4	2	1	22	12	10
Arndcliffe Scots	3	2	1	16	12	8
W. Sutherland	3	2	1	15	13	7
Wentley	3	1	2	15	13	7
Benks City	2	2	2	10	6	6
Campbelltown	2	1	3	12	11	6
Belfore	3	3	1	14	6	
Revesby W.	2	1	3	13	11	5
Enmore	2	1	3	11	12	5
N. Bankstown	2	1	3	10	13	5
Lane Cove	2	4	1	18		
Marrickville	1	5	8			

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	4	1	1	27	7	9
Uni. NSW	4	1	2	16	4	8
Ovilla Ravens	3	2	1	14	7	8
Rosebury	3	1	1	17	7	
Cordell Park	3	2	2	9	6	6
Warrigah	3	2	1	10	7	6
Newtown	2	2	1	13	12	4
Yagoona	1	3	4	8	19	2
Towdrie	5	5	2	29		
South Sydney	5	1	2	20		

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelso	6	1	1	25	9	12
Queens Park	6	1	1	25	4	12
West Ryde	6	1	1	20	12	
Napier	4	1	1	13	9	9
Blacktown	3	3	1	14	10	6
Maroubra	3	3	1	16	14	6
Sydney Uni.	2	1	4	17	5	
Bondi	4	1	2	17	14	4
Dee Why	1	5	6	14	2	
Fairfield	1	5	3	31	2	
Lidcombe	1	5	1	36	2	
Auburn	6	1	2	20		

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. St. George	5	1	1	26	7	11
Greenwich	4	2	1	20	5	10
Arndcliffe RSL	5	1	1	25	7	10
Macquarie Uni.	4	1	1	20	7	9
Eastwood	6	2	1	15	10	8
Padstow Park	3	1	2	13	12	7
Thornleigh	3	3	2	12	21	6
Ku-ring-gai	1	2	3	12	9	4
Goograh	2	2	3	15	4	
Toongabbie	1	1	4	10	15	3
Greenacre	6	8	37			
Liverpool	6	5	34			

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

RESULTS			
FIRST DIVISION			
(Second and Third Grades)			
Marconi v. Sth. Sydney	0-1	1-0	
Hakoah v. Prague	2-1	2-1	
Ryde v. P. Hellenic	2-4	0-0	
West's v. Auburn	2-0	2-2	
St. George v. Canterbury		2-1	
SCU v. APIA	0-0	1-1	

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Sutherland have a tough assignment

—By CHARLES SPITERI—

Second Division "babes" Guildford scored the biggest surprise of the round when they snatched a valuable point from unbeaten leaders Granville.

Artarmon also surprised when they held visiting Balgownie to another 1-1 draw.

Highlights of round 8 were:

Melita Eagles v.

Manly 3-2

Although the score is hardly a true indication of play, Manly still managed to get two goals past the soundest defence in Second Division.

Making his first appearance for Melita was Nick McCallum who arrived four days earlier from overseas.

The Eagles played some dazzling football in the first half and led with two goals scored by speedy winger Peter Beattie.

Still dominating the midfield, Melita went further ahead with a goal by Hoare, but then relaxed to allow Manly to fight back with two good goals by Dunwell and Bobby Jones.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, Edwards, MacAusland, McAlister, Cunningham, Hoare (1), McCallum, Hennessy, Beattie (2).

Manly: Gee, Russell, Dunwell (1), Keddie, Hutchinson, McGill, Crawford, Hughes, Boden, Davidson (Riordan), R. Jones (1).

Concordia v.

Bankstown 0-6

Two first half goals by Robert Goose inspired Bankstown to its most convincing victory of the season against Concordia who played better than the score suggests.

Goose, playing in first grade for the first time this season, scored in the last ten minutes of the first half.

Bankstown took their opportunities well to score four more goals in the second half.

Concordia: Wupper, Auras, Erasmus, Franschovich, Uhl, Woznica, Gasser, Baumgartner, Kap-pacher, Doller, Sommer.

Bankstown: Campbell, Fitzgerald, Sheldrick, Madden, Fitzpatrick, White, Dellar (1) Roberts (1), Farrell, Martin (2), Prokutt, Goose (2).

Granville v.

Guildford 1-1

Guildford had a lot of determination and ruggedness to make up for their inexperience and Granville's edge in skill.

Les Schauman gave Granville the lead after a series of missed chances and Graham Hann notched the equaliser 10 minutes into the second half.

Trying for the winner Granville took some chances which almost cost them dearly when Maher had to make a brilliant save off Morley late in the match to stave off defeat.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Brown, Staunton, O'Neill, Lee, Loftus, Schauman (1), Gippert (Froude), Bruce (Miranda).

Guildford: Hoskins, Brincat, Pearce, Jack, Reynolds, Lowe, Morley, Hann (1), Schofield, Shepherd (Wood), Bligh.

Corinthians v.

NS-Inter 6-0

Against the confident Gladesville-Ryde-Corinthians, Inter could only provide token opposition, and although they battled to restrict the score to 2-0 at half-time, they gave way after the break.

Vic Reynolds scored his first goal in Second Division this season and Crawford Potter notched another two to retain his top scoring position with the club.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Smith (Haggett), Barnett (1), Cilia, Jagger, Cairns (1), Reynolds (1), Potter (2), Collins, McInally (1).

Polonia v.

Sutherland 1-4

Despite a goal in the first minute by David Suggett, Sutherland had to battle for more than half-way to eventually gain supremacy.

Polonia fought hard to stay in the game, and when Wozniczko equalised five minutes into the second half, they gained the upper hand for a short period.

However, Sutherland regained control and with Greg Woods in top form after a three-week lay-off, raced to a comfortable win with his fine hat-trick.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Tomaszewski, Zonis, Mula, Starek, Szmidt, Popowski (Skoric), Polewski, Nowacki, Krawiarz, Wozniczko (1).

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin (Angelopoulos), Smit, Piggott, Lavan, MacKnight, Woods (3), Suggett (1), Jordan.

Artarmon v.

Balgownie 1-1

With an ounce of luck Artarmon could have gained both points. Jimmy Morgan, their top scorer for the past two years, missed a golden chance of giving Artarmon the lead when he shot wide from the penalty spot.

Goal of the week

Jimmy Morgan's equaliser for Artarmon picking a high pass at the edge of the penalty area, pulling the ball down and hitting it like a flash past Holbrow.

Top scoring feat

Greg Woods' hat-trick for Sutherland after a three week lay-off with injury.

Artarmon held the edge almost throughout, but it was Balgownie who scored first through McGuckin about 12 minutes before half-time.

Morgan then scored a copybook goal to make amends for his earlier mistake and only good goal-keeping by Holbrow saved Balgownie from defeat.

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, M. Nacimovich, MacGuinness, Quinn, Brown, Lowe (Seaborn), Morgan (1), K. Nacimovich, Harding, Williams (McAlpine).

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davies, McCullough, McLean, Orphin, Hall, McGuckin (1), Waterman, Findlay, Beard, Freeme.

THIS WEEK

The best match of the week is the clash between Sutherland and Melita Eagles, the outcome of which may have a great bearing at the end of the season.

Melita should start favorites but Sutherland can never be under estimated.

Granville should keep both points at home against the determined Artarmon, while Corinthians should continue their winning streak against Bankstown.

Polonia will probably account for NS-Inter without much trouble and Balgownie beat Concordia at home.

Manly are tipped to defeat the improving Guildford by the narrowest of margins.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results: Spanish v. Belfield 4-2, 0-3; Riverstone v. Glebe 3-2, 1-4; Broughton v. Georges Hall 4-0, 5-0; Vaulchuse-Hungaria v. Belfield 2-8, 2-2; Azzurri Leichhardt v. University 4-0, 3-0; Spanish v. Concord 1-3, 3-4.

Standings: Broughton, Riverstone 10; Azzurri, Concord 9; Glebe, Spanish 7; Georges Hall, Viking 6; Belfield 4; Vaulchuse-Hungaria, University 2.

This week: Saturday — Viking v. Azzurri (Cintra Park). Sunday — Riverstone v. Concord (Schofield Park), Glebe v. Belfield (Oster Wentworth Park), Broughton v. Spanish (Steel Park), Georges Hall v. University (Helen Park).

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League soccer reaches almost a third of the way through with the seventh round to be played-off this weekend. Fixtures are:

Saturday: Hakoah v. Lions (Middle Park), George Cross v. Polonia (ground to be advised), JUST v. Wilhelmina (Schintler Reserve).

Sunday: Melbourne v. Croatia (Middle Park), Alexander v. SM Hellas (Olympic Park), Box Hill v. Juventus (Wembley Park, Box Hill).

Last week's results: Polonia 3 (Marmur, Closs, Siwka) d. Croatia 2 (Lurican, McArthur), SM-Hellas 2 (Gorrie, Walker) d. Hakoah 1 (Thomas), Box Hill 3 (Brownlie 2, Atkins) d. Lions 0, Melbourne-HSC 4 (Scott, Palinkas, Pocock, Bleskany) d. JUST 1 (Zorajak), Juventus 6 (Di Marchi 2, Frost, Irvine, Thomson, Lakey) d. George Cross 1 (Tomic), Wilhelmina 1 (Sykes) drew with Alexander 1 (Zanthopoulos).

Standings after 6 rounds: JUST 10; Hellas, Melbourne-HSC, Polonia 9; Croatia 8; Box Hill, Juventus 7; Wilhelmina, Hakoah, George Cross 4; Alexander 1; Lions 0.

Gordon Adams, a 20-year-old keeper with crack Glasgow junior club Petershill, is due to arrive in Australia and join Melbourne-HSC late June or early July.

Jim Richardson, the former Cumberland player who returned to Scotland two years ago, is still with his former club — Stenhousemuir.

Latest Juventus import and acquisition is Tommy Dunne, a Scot who for the past three years has been with First Division side — Dundee United. Dunne cost United a considerable fee when he joined them from Second Division side, Albion Rovers, in 1968. He is an inside-forward.

Joe Szalay, the Melbourne-HSC team manager, is now well on the way to recovery after a recent illness and intends to spend a three-month holiday in his native Hungary very soon.

A coach who has both Scottish FA and English FA qualifications and has had experience as a professional coach with Raith Rovers, is keen to come and try his luck in Australia. He is also a former player. The man in question is Johnny Hogg, 3 Loganlea Road, Craigintony, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Stephen Collinson, the promising defender Lions secured from Mooroolbark two years ago and who has been in Sydney for some considerable time, has now returned to the Melbourne club.

Springvale, the Metropolitan First Division side, lost so many of last year's players and have made such a bad start to the new season that unless they get reinforcements quickly, their status could be endangered. The club is appealing for any unattached or free players to contact officials at their training sessions, Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at Moodemere Reserve, Corrigan Road, Noble Park.

— JIM COOK

Sydney Third Division

Top teams in see-saw draw

—By KEITH GILMOUR—

West Sutherland and Arncliffe Scots, jointly holding second position on the table, drew 4-4 in a see-saw match at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday before a good attendance.

West Sutherland held sway at 3-1, and the scoring went 3-2, 3-3, 4-3 before Scots equalised with 10 minutes to go.

The game was particularly fast, and both sets of forwards were right on top of their opposite defences throughout.

Campbelltown, with two first half goals from Tom Wilson and Peter Quinn, gained a 2-0 win over Revesby Workers.

The game featured plenty of movement, with tacklers going in hard, but Revesby over-indulged in long balls up the middle, where Campbelltown's centre-back Barry Johnson was unbeatable in the air.

After an early trot of outs, Campbelltown have suddenly climbed to equal fifth on the table.

Northern Districts reversed their State Cup loss

RESULTS

N. Blown v. Marrickville 1-2 3-4
Cibbultown v. Revesby 2-0 0-3
Enmore v. Belmore 3-1 0-0
W. Sland v. Arncliffe 3-4 1-0
N. Districts v. Lane C. 6-1 3-0
Banks City v. Wentley 0-2 3-1

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Enmore — Cahill Park; Belmore v. Banks City — Rudd Park; Sunday: Marrickville v. West Sutherland — Mackay Park; Revesby Workers v. Northern Districts — Bankstown Soccer Centre; Northern Districts v. Campbelltown — Empire Stadium Lane Cove v. Wentley — Pottery Green.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

ANOTHER SCORING SPREE BY CHELSEA'S FORWARDS

—By KEITH GILMOUR—

Riverside Rapids gained a clear lead of one point in the First Division with a 5-0 win over South Sydney, and have a game in hand, to boot.

Rosebery Rhodes and Gladesville Ravens assisted their progress by drawing 3-3.

South Sydney held their more highly-rated opponents to 1-0 at half-time, by packing the defence.

Rapids' scoring rate was further upset by the uncult pitch, which slowed down their short passing game.

Scorers for Riverside were Ariola Carmene, Bill Matthews, Melita Geatona, and Franz Sykora (2).

Huge win

Chelsea took their record to 29 goals for and none against with a 13-0 win over the greatly weakened Lidcombe team, whose goalkeeper strove manfully to stem the tide.

Dave Calpy picked up a goal for Greenwich, who

drew 1-1 with Macquarie University.

The game was hard, and Greenwich were not impressed by the actions of a section of Macquarie's supporters.

West St. George gained a 9-2 win over Greenacre to head the table from Greenwich, Arncliffe RSL, Macquarie University and Eastwood.

For the winners Barry McGuigan (3), Rod Sharples (2), Gary Brown, Geoff Powys, Dave Affleck and Brian Cooper were the scorers.

Their very consistent centre-half Peter Hayes was always prominent in defence and he is shaping as one of the stars of the team.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

S. Sydney v. Riverside 0-5 0-8
Concord Pk. v. Uni. NSW 0-2 0-8
Kewpies v. Yagoona 2-3 1-1
Rosebery v. Ravens 3-3 3-1

SECOND DIVISION
Chelsea v. Lidcombe 13-0 4-5
Nepaan v. Sydney Uni. 1-1 1-3
Blacktown v. Auburn 4-0 2-3
Queens Park v. Bondi 4-1 0-0
West Ryde v. Maroubra 4-1 8-1
Fairfield v. Dee Why 1-2 1-3

THIRD DIVISION
Toongabbie v. Thornleigh 1-2 5-0
W. St. Geo. v. Greenacre 9-2 5-0
Arncliffe RSL v. Kuring-gai 1-0 2-4
Macquarie Uni. v. Greenwich 1-1 1-4
Eastwood v. Kogarah 1-1 2-2
Padstow Pk. v. Liverpool 5-2 2-0

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Newtown v. Rosebery Rhodes — Outer Wentworth Park; Yagoona v. Uni. NSW — O'Neill Park; Bondi v. Fairfield — Waverley No. 1; Dee Why v. Blacktown — Dee Why Oval; Sydney Uni. v. Auburn Juniors — St. Paul's Oval; Thornleigh v. Macquarie Uni. — Thornleigh Oval; Kogarah v. Padstow Park — Todd Park; Kuring-gai v. Liverpool City — Aquatic Oval.
Sunday: Lidcombe v. Queen's Park — Coleman Park; Maroubra v. Chelsea — Coral Sea Park; Nepean v. West Ryde — Jamieson Park; Riverside Rapid v. Warringah Saints — Mahony Oval; Granville Kewpies v. South Sydney — Colahoun Park; Ravens v. Concord Park — Peel Park; Greenwich v. Eastwood Town — Gore Creek Reserve; Greenacre v. Toongabbie — Allum Park; Arncliffe RSL v. West St. George — Arncliffe Park.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

St. George

2 (1)
Alston 28 min., Denton 75 min.

WESTS

4 (1)
Jack 38 min., Spiekerman 48 and 87 min., Turner 82 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)
Thorne 65 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)
Tolson 61 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

3 (2)
Butler 12 min., Pollard 22 and 82 min.

South Sydney

4 (0)
Sullivan 53 and 56 min., Shepherd 86 min. (penalty), Harris 89 min.

Ryde

2 (1)
Takac 11 min., J. Alagich 48 min.

Prague

2 (0)
Rooney 58 min., Butler 87 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Auburn

0 (0)

Hakoah

3 (1)
Baartz 40 min. (penalty), Silva 52 min., Watkiss 81 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Reilly 2, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Sandell 3, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 4, Herron 4 (replaced Warren 16 min.), Alston 4, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * * * *

Eaton 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 5, Blue 4, Byles 3, Smith 4 (replaced Guilden 30 min.), Turner 4, Spiekerman 5, Jack 3.

TOTAL: 43. Coach: T. Dawson.

Maglis 4, Hanson 3, Hignett 4, Wetton 4, H. Xipolitis 3, Barboutis 4, Thorne 4, G. Manuel 3, McCulloch 4, Cullodon 3, Clarke 3 (Sirling 76 min.).

TOTAL: 39. Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * * * *

Ramage 3, Gleeson 3, Tuckerman 3, Walker 4, Wilson 4, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3, Gruicic 3, Tolson 5, Harvey 3, McGunnigle 4.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: J. Harris.

Fraser 3, Raeburn 3, Kerklaan 3, Kulak 4, J. Xipolitis 4, Hardy 4, Whitehead 3, Zivkovic 3, Thompson 4, Lowry 4, Mullen 2 (Bamforth 2).

TOTAL: 37. Coach: T. Konstantakopoulos.

Match rating: * * * * *

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, McGillivray 3, Bird 2, Russell 5, Blues 3, Forster 2, McKinnon 3, Pollard 4, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: W. Tamandl.

Corry 3, Ashurst 4, Thomson 4, Shepherd 4, Carr 3, Doyle 4, Taylor 4, Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 4, Frakes 3 (McLean 74 min.).

TOTAL: 39. Coach: M. Kiss.

Match rating: * * * * *

Cajkusic 3, Bakaric 3, Nacinovic 2, Waters 4, I. Rudic 4, F. Rudic 4, J. Alagich 4, M. Alagich 4, Brajkovic 3, Takac 4, Edwards 2.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Bracklow 5 (replaced King 10 min.), Henderson 3, Weir 3, Zeman 4, Pedersen 3 (replaced Blacker 28 min.), Rootsey 3, Butler 3, Ridley 3, Walsh 2, Rooney 4, Perry 4.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: M. Mazzina.

Match rating: * * * * *

Rorke 4, Robertson 3 (Cudek 54 min.), Curran 4, Richards 4, Moschen 3, Bon 3 (Santoro 86 min.), Giacometti 4, Griffiths 3, Connolly 2, Campbell 3, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: M. Jones.

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3, Stewart 3, Malone 4, Brady 4, Strachan 2, McDonald 4, Simpson 2, Schneider 3, Rogers 3, Hoggart 2 (Edwards 3).

TOTAL: 34. Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * * * *

Haffey 3, Davey 4, Hillsdon 3, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 3, Gardiner 3, Rutherford 4, Yardley 3, Keddie 4 (Izatt 85 min.), Baartz 4, Silva 4.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: C. Fleming.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Adapting themselves brilliantly to the wet conditions, Wests deservedly won a high standard match, the result of which was in doubt until the last 10 minutes. The loss of John Warren and gross blunders by goalkeeper Jack Reilly must not detract from Wests' victory. Their fast, open play always had Saints in trouble. With George Kinnell back in defence and Wim Spiekerman and Brian Turner combining as dangerous twin spearheads Wests were competent in defence and tore huge gaps in a very shaky St. George defence whenever they broke away in attack. Saints were clearly on top for only 20 minutes after Spiekerman's first goal and should have gratefully settled for a 2-2 draw when Denton equalised instead of exposing their rear by opening up and going all out for the winning goal.

Referee: K. Lockrey. Crowd: 2,215.

— LOU GAUTIER

Played as it was on a heavy surface under wet conditions, this game never rose to brilliance, but it was 90 minutes of clean, hard, absorbing football. Key men for South Coast were Max Tolson in attack and Peter Wilson in defence. Tolson scored a goal with a header that had "goal" written on it all the way, and Wilson was a powerful driving force at all times. Pan Hellenic were more constructive in the first half, but the big well-trained Coast players held sway in the second, when their defence performed well, except for the inexplicable mix-up that gave Terry Thorne the opportunity to equalise. Full marks go to John McGunnigle, whose brilliance on the left wing had Pan Hellenic defenders in strife.

Referee: N. Campbell. Crowd: 2,400.

— KEITH GILMOUR

The scoreline does not tell the story of a match in which Canterbury had just as much of the ball as APIA. Luck, however, was not on the Berries' side because desperate clearances off the line saved APIA on three occasions. APIA, actually, only got on top against firing opponents in the last 20 minutes. The brilliant understanding between the very promising young Pollard and Butler in attack was the deciding factor in APIA's win, but the star of the match was halfback Russell, an international in the making if ever we saw one. APIA's defence was in all sorts of bother against the fast-moving, strong-running Terry Thompson, who was a constant threat. Although APIA were two-up after 22 minutes, interest never slackened thanks to Canterbury's spirited, if luckless, attempts to get back in the game.

Referee: W. Novelli. Crowd: 2,025.

— EINAR PENSEN

Just when Ryde appeared headed for a comfortable win against a meek South Sydney, the match sprung to life with two goals by Maurice Sullivan in the space of three minutes early in the second half. This fast piece of action completely changed the physiognomy of the game which developed into a thriller in the last half hour. Ryde, actually, regained the upper hand towards the end, only to see their hopes dashed when Nacinovic handled for Shepherd to put Souths ahead with the ensuing penalty four minutes from fulltime. Just on the final whistle Harris scored his seventh goal of the season to cap off Souths' great second half comeback after they had looked a beaten team.

Referee: F. Sbisa. Crowd: 4,153.

— LOU GAUTIER

Marconi started off strongly, dominated play in the first half and looked set for a win but good goalkeeping by replacement Uwe Bracklow kept Prague in the match. It was a different story after the interval when Prague came out full of fight and mounted several spirited attacks. A good cross from the right found Perry who headed the ball intelligently in front of the advancing Rooney who scored from 10 yards. Instead of retreating into defence, Prague kept up the pressure and sealed their deserved win in the dying stages when a spectacular overhead kick by Ridley found Butler unmarked, with only Rorke to win.

Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 2,352.

— FRANK JORDAN

A victory by a three-goal margin is convincing enough by any standards, yet Hakoah displayed little of their bounding skills with the result that only the last 10 minutes were of a high standard. Admittedly, Auburn chased everything and never allowed the Hakoah forwards any room to move, but this alone cannot explain why Hakoah were so slow to get going. Baartz played as a linkman with Watkiss and although both started several attacks, Baartz was far out of shooting range whenever Hakoah threatened. The sparkle in Hakoah's play came late in the game when both Baartz and Watkiss ventured into attack with the score at 2-0. Only then the shooting power of the champions was unleashed and only good defence and excellent goal-keeping by Taylor saved Auburn from a much bigger defeat.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 1,315.

— CHARLES SPITERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	7	1	2	13	15	
South Sydney	7	1	2	13	15	
APIA	6	2	1	24	5	14
Prague	5	3	1	19	8	13
Western Subs.	4	1	2	8	12	
St. George	3	3	2	11	12	9
SCU	3	3	3	15	19	9
Marconi	3	1	5	13	20	7
Pan Hellenic	2	—	7	10	24	4
Auburn	2	7	5	14	14	
Canterbury	1	2	5	10	30	4
Ryde	—	9	9	33		

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	7	—	2	20	10	14
Prague	7	—	2	13	14	
Auburn	5	2	2	19	10	12
South Sydney	5	—	4	23	10	10
Western Subs.	4	2	1	17	13	10
Ryde	4	2	3	13	18	10
St. George	4	1	5	14	14	9
Marconi	3	2	4	11	13	8
SCU	2	3	4	15	17	7
APIA	2	3	4	12	17	7
Pan Hellenic	2	—	6	8	22	5
Canterbury	2	—	6	11	22	2

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	6	2	1	22	13	14
Sutherland	7	—	2	13	14	
Granville	5	4	—	23	11	14
Melita Eagles	5	1	3	18	14	11
Manly	4	1	4	13	12	9
Balgownie	3	3	3	18	17	9
Polonia	4	1	5	10	24	9
Guildford	3	1	5	11	16	7
Artarmon	2	3	4	14	20	7
Banksstown	3	6	15	19	6	
Concordia	2	1	7	10	25	5
NS-Inter	1	7	9	33	3	

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banksstown	6	3	—	17	5	15
Sutherland	6	2	1	26	11	14
Balgownie	5	3	1	19	7	13
Manly	6	1	1	26	19	12
Guildford	5	1	3	20	12	11
Granville	4	2	3	22	14	10
Polonia	3	3	3	22	25	9
Artarmon	3	2	4	18	18	8
Corinthians	2	1	6	12	19	5
Concordia	2	1	6	12	38	5
Melita Eagles	1	7	11	25	3	
NS-Inter	—	2	6	23	2	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	8	1	—	23	5	17
Banksstown	7	—	1	27	4	15
Granville	5	1	3	15	8	11
Balgownie	5	1	3	15	9	11
Sutherland	4	3	2	12	11	11
Melita Eagles	3	2	4	17	8	12
Artarmon	4	—	5	16	18	8
NS-Inter	2	3	4	10	21	7
Polonia	3	6	19	19	6	
Corinthians	2	2	5	12	16	6
Guildford	2	2	5	13	17	6
Concordia	—	1	8	2	47	1

THIRD DIVISION

Northern Dist.	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'effe Scots	4	2	1	22	13	10
W. Sutherland	3	3	1	17	15	9
Banks City	3	2	2	12	6	8
Campanbelltown	4	—	3	13	11	8
Everest W.	2	1	7	13	7	
Wentworth	3	1	5	15	14	7
Belmore	3	—	4	11	16	6
Lane Cove	3	—	4	12	16	6
Emure	2	1	7	12	15	5
N. Bankstown	2	1	7	12	18	5
Marrickville	1	5	10	21	3	

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. NSW	5	—	2	18	5	10
Riverside	4	2	—	30	10	10
Gladesv. R.	4	2	1	16	8	10
Rosbury	3	1	2	20	7	9
Warricah	3	1	2	13	10	7
Condell Park	3	—	3	10	8	6
Newtown	2	—	3	13	17	4
Yagoona	1	4	9	21	2	
Kewdale	1	5	10	29	2	
South Sydney	—	6	1	25		

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsoa	7	—	3	24	14	
Quoson Park	7	—	2	29	4	14
West Ryde	3	1	7	7	14	
Nepaan	4	1	2	16	16	9
Sydney Uni.	3	1	3	22	10	7
Blacktown	3	—	3	14	10	6
Bondi	3	—	4	19	15	6
Maroubra	3	—	4	16	19	6
Dee Why	1	5	6	14	2	
Fairfield	1	6	4	33	2	
Lidcombe	1	6	4	20	2	
Auburn	—	7	2	22		

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. St. George	6	1	—	28	8	13
Greenwich	5	2	—	22	5	12
A'effe RSL	5	—	2	26	9	10
Macquarie Uni.	4	1	2	20	10	9
Padstow Park	4	1	2	17	13	9
Eastwood	3	2	2	15	12	8
Thornleigh	4	—	3	15	21	8
Ku-ring-gai	2	2	3	15	9	6
Toongabbie	1	2	4	12	17	4
Kogarah	1	2	4	14	19	4
Greenacre	1	6	10	30	3	
Liverpool	—	7	5	40		

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grades)
Pan Hellenic v. SCU	1-0 3-5
St. George v. Wests	0-2 2-0
Canterbury v. APIA	1-4 0-0
Souths v. Ryde	4-1 4-0
Prague v. Marconi	2-0 2-1
Auburn v. Hakoah	0-2 1-4

SECOND DIVISION	(All Grades)
B'town v. Conet	1-3 2-0 2-0
Granv. v. Artarmon	2-2 3-0 3-1
S'tland v. Melita	1-0 2-1 1-1
NS-Inter v. Polonia	2-2 0-0 2-1
B'gown v. Concordia	4-5 0-0 5-0
G'ford v. Manly	1-0 3-2 1-1

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Joint leaders can stay on top again

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Corinthians and Sutherland took over the lead after winning their games while Granville dropped another point, to Artarmon this time.

Not even goal-average could separate the leaders as both have scored 32 goals and conceded 13.

It was another top-turvy round with Guildford scoring the biggest upset by narrowly defeating Manly.

The round's highlights:

Granville v. Artarmon 2-2

In a fast, exciting game Artarmon collected their sixth point from the last four matches by holding the undefeated Granville.

Granville were never allowed to settle down, and although their forwards moved smoothly, they came up against some determined opposition.

Les Schumann twice gave Granville the lead, but Ken Nacinovich and John Cole, who came on as a replacement, equalised for another valuable point to lift Artarmon from the danger zone.

Bankstown v. Corinthians 1-3

Apart from a 10-minute lapse in the second half, Corinthians held an edge for all of the game.

Crawford Potter, the tall rangy centre-forward scored all the three goals for his

second hat-trick of the season.

However, Vic Reynolds' presence in the team is being reflected in Corinthians' performances as two of these goals were actually made by him.

Corinthians led 2-0 at half-time and after Banks-town reduced the leadway through Pat Dollar, Potter scored his third goal with only five minutes to go.

Sutherland v. Melita Eagles 1-0

More than 2,500 spectators were given a soccer treat at Seymour Shaw Park in a clash that could have gone either way right until the last minute.

Both sides played excellent football with Sutherland slightly the faster side in the first half and Melita dominating in the second.

With only 20 minutes to go, Bobby MacKnight clinched the two points for Sutherland with a shot that Hoszowski had no chance to save.

NS-Inter v. Polonia 2-2

In a hard, tough match which resulted in two players being sent off, Inter overcame a two-goal deficit to snatch a valuable point.

Polonia were two goals up in the first 20 minutes through Szmidt and Wozniak, but later hit back with goals by Muir and Polotto.

All four goals were scored in the first half, and although both sides tried hard, neither succeeded to notch another in an even second period.

Balgownie v. Concordia 4-3

In a thrilling and exciting game at Balgownie Oval, Concordia were twice in front, but could not even salvage a point against a very determined Balgownie.

All four Balgownie goals were scored with well-timed headers, two by Brian Egdey, and one each by Findlay and Buckin.

Concordia's goals were by Frangajovich, Sommer and Doller.

Brian Egdey missed his hat-trick when he fluffed a penalty.

Guildford v. Manly 1-0

A goal 20 minutes from the end against the run of play gave Guildford another close victory.

Manly had most of the play, but Guildford's out-

standing team spirit and whole-hearted effort must be commended.

They relied on break-aways and their efforts were rewarded when Darryl Schofield pounced on a loose ball to score between the goalkeeper and the post.

THIS WEEK

Matches which will attract most interest this week are the clashes between Sutherland and Manly and Corinthians and Balgownie.

The joint leaders will start favorites but both Manly and Balgownie are capable of good football.

In other matches, the Polonia v. Bankstown tussle could go either way, Granville should win against Concordia, while Melita Eagles can take on NS-Inter confidently.

The Artarmon-Guildford match may develop into another "needle" affair with the home side slight favorites.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results: Viking v. Azzurri 6-8, 2-2; Riverstone v. Concord 4-1, 3-4; Glebe v. Belfield 8-3, 2-0; Broughton v. Spanish 1-2, 3-0; Georges Hall v. University 7-2, 0-1.

Standings: Riverstone 21; Azzurri 11; Broughton 10; Glebe, Spanish, Concord 9; Georges Hall 8; Viking 6; Vauluse-Hungaria 4; University 2.

This weekend: Saturday (Amateur Cup): Belfield v. Viking (Outer Wentworth Park Field 1), Azzurri v. Glebe (Outer Wentworth Park Field 2), Spanish v. University (Timbrol Park), Georges Hall v. Bondi United (Cintra Park). Sunday: Concord v. Broughton (Cintra Park), Belfield v. Riverstone (Beamon Park), Spanish v. University (Moore Park), Georges Hall v. Viking (Henley Park), Azzurri v. Vauluse-Hungaria (Eastern Park).

VICTORIAN TABLE

JUST	6	0	1	3	5	12
Hellas	5	1	1	4	4	11
Polonia	5	1	1	2	6	11
Croatia	5	0	2	1	5	10
Melbourne	4	1	2	1	6	9
Box Hill	3	2	2	0	7	8
Juventus	3	2	2	1	9	8
Hakoah	3	0	4	6	9	6
Wilhelmina	1	2	4	4	10	4
George Cross	2	0	5	6	22	2
Alexander	0	1	6	3	13	1
Lions	0	1	0	2	13	1

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League soccer is creeping close to the half-way mark when the clubs come up for the eighth round this weekend, the fixtures of which are:

Saturday: Croatia v. George Cross (Olympic Park), Polonia v. Box Hill (Maribyrnong), Wilhelmina v. Melbourne (Ringwood).

Sunday: Juventus v. Hakoah (Olympic Park), Lions v. Alexander (Essendon), SM Hellas v. JUST (Middle Park).

Last week's results: JUST 4 (Zoraja 2, Buljevic 2) d. Wilhelmina 0, Polonia 3 (Plaskota, Olinowski, Siwka) d. George Cross 1 (Tomic), Hakoah 1 (Rae) d. Lions 0, Croatia 1 (Vojtek) d. Melbourne-HSC 0, SM-Hellas 1 (Armstrong) d. Alexander 0, Box Hill 1 (Coles) v. Juventus 1 (Thomson).

This year Bernard Klimecki by his consistent displays has earned himself a regular place in the Polonia first team. A situation which can be slightly embarrassing but also pleasing to his father John Klimecki who is team-manager of the club and also manager of the Victorian State side, Bernard, who is 19 and a product of the Polonia juniors, works with the Public Service.

John Kennedy, the Alexander goalkeeper who was formerly with Wilhelmina, returned home to Scotland last week. Kennedy will not be coming back to Australia — at least that was his intention on leaving. But how many other players have said the same and been glad to return to Australia?

Tommy Dunne, the former Dundee United forward who cost them \$20,000 from Albion Rovers three years ago and is now with Juventus, looks like proving a real asset. Since making his first team debut recently, Dunne has shown plenty of skill as well as being one of a select band in State League soccer who can read a game. With a bit more match play and fitness, Dunne should make the Victorian side this season.

Bobby Evans, the Lions goalkeeper who recently returned to the first team after a spell in Tasmania, left hurriedly for England after being informed that his parents had been involved in a serious car crash. Latest information is that one of Bobby's parents died, but at this stage it is not known whether it was his father or his mother he lost. "Soccer World" conveys its sincere condolences to Bobby.

Tony Baggio, who was coach of the all-conquering Juventus last season, and then stood down at the end of the season and was replaced by defender Bobby Thomson who took over the role as player-coach is now back as the team coach of Juventus. Thomson, the former Partick Thistle, Liverpool and Luton player whom Juventus secured from Wilhelmina, was in Juventus' reserve side against Polonia two weeks ago.

Shouts over the years for State League sides to include a much bigger proportion of locally-produced players in their line-ups has not gone unheard by Polonia who over the past few years have now come to the point where they have an almost all-local side. Davie Closs, the former Partick Thistle and Juventus utility player, is of course one real exception, but the remainder of the first team have either been born in Australia or came here as toddlers. Perhaps the fact the majority of Polonia's players have Polish names disguises the fact that they are indeed the most local of any line-up.

— JIM COOK

Sydney Third Division

STRIKING COMEBACK

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Ken Bracegirdle returned to the Arncliffe Scots first team as striker after a period in the reserves, and immediately clicked with two good goals.

Arncliffe defeated Enmore 3-1 at Cahill Park, Ray Teller being the other Arncliffe scorer.

Although Belmore fought hard to hold Banks City scoreless until well into the second half, City managed to win through at 2-0.

Substitute left-winger David Burke and Stan Greizing were Banks City's scorers.

John Jameson did well, and David Champion was sound in a very strong defence.

The secret of Banks' success is that their mid-field men went back when Belmore had the pressure on — a feature which had been missing from their recent play.

Campbelltown, with an own goal, defeated the leaders Northern Districts

at Englefield Stadium in a thrilling match.

The brilliant Torrison was the difference between the teams, with Campbelltown's defence just holding Norths at bay over the last ten minutes.

RESULTS

Arncliffe Scots v. Enmore 3-1 0-1
Belmore v. Banks City 0-2 1-2
Mville v. W. S'land 2-2 3-2
Revsby W. v. N. B'own 5-2 1-2
Nth. Dist. v. Crown 0-1 2-1
Lane Cove v. Wently 1-0 1-6

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

Saturday: Enmore v. Marrickville, Auckley Park, North Bankstown v. Northern Districts — George Green, Wently v. Belmore — James Park.

Sunday: Banks City v. Arncliffe Scots — Bankstown Soccer Centre, West Sutherland v. Revsby Workers — Seymour Shaw Park, Campbelltown v. Lane Cove — Campbelltown Showground.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

ROSEBERY RHODES WINS 5-0 BEFORE BIG CROWD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Rosebery Rhodes, spearheaded by three goals from Nick Tsingolis, gained a 5-0 win over Newtown at Outer Wentworth Park last Saturday before a crowd of well over 400 spectators.

Rosebery scored four first half goals, and netted a fifth 10 minutes into the second half.

The team settled back, and Newtown came on to challenge strongly for 15 minutes, without managing to score.

Johnny Zounis netted a good goal, and Tasso Cook excelled with a heady midfield display.

Rosebery has gained an experienced English goalkeeper in John Holman, and he is doing well in the first team.

He joined Rosebery from South Australia, where he

has been custodian for the Whyalla senior club.

Condell Park took Gladesville Ravens very close at Peel Park, scoring just before halftime with a Roger Kwiez goal, but Ravens won the first meeting of these clubs by 2-1.

Greenwich won 2-0 in an excellent game against Eastwood at Gore Creek.

Ken Adamson advanced one ball from his own goal and after an interpassing move with Handley, the latter scored with an unstoppable shot.

Handley got the other goal from a penalty shot.

Greenwich were well served by their backs, the captain Graham Howard and Bruce Phillips.

Thornleigh, now coached by former Corinthians and Hornsby player Ray Barman, gained a surprise 2-0 win over Macquarie University at Thornleigh Oval.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION		
Newtown v. Rosebery	0-5	3-3
Yagoona v. Uni. NSW	1-2	1-3
Riverside v. Warringah	3-3	1-1
Kewpies v. Shi. Sydney	5-0	4-0
Ravens v. Condell Park	2-1	1-1
SECOND DIVISION		
Bondi v. Fairfield	2-1	
Sydney Uni. v. Auburn	2-1	4-1
Lidcombe v. Queens Pk.	0-4	2-3
Macquarie v. Chelsea	0-5	0-0
Nepean v. West Ryde	3-7	1-4
THIRD DIVISION		
Thornleigh v. Mac. U.	3-0	3-3
Rogers v. Padstow Pk.	1-4	2-5
Kurring-gai v. Liverpool	6-0	6-0
Greenwich v. Eastwood	2-0	3-2
Greenacre v. Tongabbie	2-2	0-2
A'cffe RSL v. W. St. Geo.	1-2	0-1

Saturday: Condell Park v. Newtown — Bankstown Soccer Centre, South Sydney v. Yagoona.

Boralee Park, Fairfield v. Lidcombe — Knights Park, Chelsea v. Nepean — Moore Park 13.

West Ryde v. Sydney Uni. — Meadowbank No. 3, Eastwood Town v. Thornleigh — Eastwood Lower, Macquarie Uni. v. Greenacre — Macquarie University, West St. George v. Kurring-gai.

Sunday: Warringah Saints v. Kewpies — Dee Why Oval, Queens Park v. Macquarie — Park No. 3, Auburn Juniors v. Dee Why — Progress Park, Padstow Park v. Greenwich — Kelso 10, Tongabbie v. Arncliffe RSL — Girraween Oval, Liverpool City v. Kogarah — Jardine Park.

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State teams in internationals

These were the NSW State teams in all past internationals:

BARRY BRIDGES (Millwall), a late addition to the FA team, is the only fully capped England international in the party. The tall Bridges visited Australia in 1965 with Chelsea before

KEITH EDDY (Watford FC) will chalk up his second FA tour, as he was a member of the party which visited New Zealand in 1969. Eddy is an excellent midfield player. Now 26, his first team was the local Barrow FC which played in the Fourth Division of the Football League.

PETER WALL (Crystal Palace FC) first signed professional forms when he joined Shrewsbury Town FC — a Third Division team in the Midlands. He remained with Shrewsbury for five years and was then transferred to Liverpool, with which he remained until 1971, thereafter moving to London. Wall, 26, a player who prefers to play on the left flank, is fund-

ALAN STEPHENSON
(West Ham United FC)
made a name for himself
as a professional with
Crystal Palace between
1962-68. He was then
transferred to West Ham
United for a big fee.
Stephenson, now 26, has
played in the under-23 team
on seven occasions. The
first was against Wales in
October 1966 and during
the following 18 months he
made further appearances
against Italy (twice), Scot-
land, Hungary (twice) and
West Germany. He is a
tall defensive centre-half.

NORMAN PIPER (Portsmouth) first came to prominence playing for England's Youth team when he was with Plymouth Argyle. He signed professional forms for this famous West Country team in October 1963, and remained with them until last year, when he was transferred to Portsmouth for a big fee. Piper is an ideal midfield player: industrious, skilful, hard-working and thoughtful; a good distributor of the ball.

PETER GRUMMITT (Sheffied Wednesday) was a few years ago considered to be one of the most outstanding young goalkeepers in British football and was very close to receiving full international cap. He did, in fact, play three times for the U23 XI against the Netherlands in 1961 and against Wales and West Germany in 1963. Last year he was transferred to Sheffied Wednesday and, during season 1970-71, he appeared regularly in goal for

KEN WAGSTAFFE (Hull City FC), 28, is a goal-scoring forward and with Chris Chilton forms the

CHRIS CHILTON (Hull City FC), 28, became a professional in 1960 and has spent the whole of his career with Hull. His position is centre-forward and he is well-built, skilful and is an intelligent reader of the game.

Three last-minute additions are Mortimer (Coventry), Watson (Sunderland) and Garland (Bristol City).

ALCANTARA

Sunday's match against the FA XI will be NSW's 27th international since Federation.

NSW's record reads:

- Won: 8
- Drew: 5
- Lost: 13
- Goals for: 54
- Goals against: 58

Draw in Dublin

The English FA drew 1-1 with the League of Ireland in Dublin last Monday night in front of 8,000 spectators at Dalymount Park.

Ken Wagstaff scored in the 24th minute for the visitors and Steve Heighway equalised in the second half.

BAARTZ CHASES RECORD

A goal by Ray Baartz on Sunday would take him to equal first place with Leo Baumgartner on the all-time list of NSW Federation goalscorers against touring teams.

Baartz has scored five goals in a representative career started in 1967.

His goals were against New Caledonia (3), Greece and Dynamo in 1970.

Baumgartner scored all his six goals against the Costa Ricans from Deportivo Saprissa in 1959.

Previous FA team visits

A combined English team has played three times before in Australia.

A team of professionals won the "decider", 4-3, in Newcastle.

They won all five — 2-1 and 5-0 in Sydney, 2-0 in Melbourne, 5-1 in Brisbane and 8-2 at Maitland.

Twelve years later, an amateur side, captained by the famous Bernard Joy, lost a three-match "test series" against Australia.

Australia won 5-4 in Sydney, lost 0-4 in Brisbane and

won the "decider", 4-3, in Newcastle.

England's most recent visit was in 1951, when a selection of several top-line professionals ran up mammoth scores in the five "tests".

In Sydney Australia lost by the world record score of 17-0 and in the other two internationals staged in Sydney were beaten 1-4 and 1-6.

The Englishmen won 4-1 in Brisbane and 5-0 in Newcastle.

WE'LL MISS HIM



Australian, NSW and St. George - Budapest captain John Warren will be a notable absentee against the Englishmen.

Now in hospital recovering from a cartilage operation, Warren holds a record 29 Australian caps, but has played only eight times for NSW against overseas teams as he was also injured against Cardiff City (1968), Greece (1969), Inter Bratislava (1970) and was touring with his club when NSW played against Dynamo Moscow earlier this year.

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY...

If you should have any doubts as to the esteem in which Australian soccer is held by most Englishmen, some of this week's quotes from English officials will enlighten you.

"Why should leading (Denis Follows, English FA English players go to a secretary)

English players go to a country that is little more than a soccer Cinderella? Australian soccer's little relevant role is providing results for British off-season summer football pools" (an anonymous senior FA official).

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

TABLES

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

FIRST DIVISION

Ryde

2 (1)

F. Rudic 35 min., Waters 77 min.

Prague

1 (0)

Zeman 86 min.

Marconi

3 (0)

Campbell 46 and 52 min., Danajevits 86 min.

Auburn

3 (3)

Rogers 3 min., Simpson 33 min., Malone 44 min.

Hakoah

4 (4)

Yardley 7 and 13 min., Keddie 32 min., Baartz 39 min.

St. George

0 (0)

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

South Sydney

0 (0)

WESTS

1 (0)

Spiekerman 84 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Butler 70 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Ackerley 39 min. (own goal).

Cajkusic 3, Bakarie 3, Nacinovic 4, Trkulja 4, Rudic 4, F. Rudic 4, J. Alagich 3, M. Alagich 4, Edwards 2, Takac 4, Waters 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * *

Bracklow 4, Henderson 3, Weir 3 (injured, carried off 88 min.), Zeman 4, Pedersen 4, Rootsey 4, Butler 3, Ridley 2, Walsh 3 (R. Manuel 76 min.), Rooney 4, Perry 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Rorke 4, Jones 3, Curran 4, Moschen 3, Robertson 3, Richards 4, Danajevits 4, Campbell 4, Cudek 3, Giacometti 4 (replaced Burns 38 min.), Santoro 3 (replaced Griffiths 11 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * *

Taylor 4, Selfridge 4, Stewart 3, Malone 4, Brady 4, Strachan 3, Sidney 3 (replaced Simpson), McDonald 3, Rogers 4, Schneider 4, Hoggart 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Haffey 4, Davey 4, Marnoch 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Gardiner 4, Rutherford 4, Yardley 4, Keddie 4, Baartz 4, Silva 4 (Muniz 85 min.).

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * *

Reilly 2, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Williams 3, Schaefer 2, Sandell 3, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 3, Herron 2 (Campbell halftime), Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 30.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Ramage 3, Gleeson 3, Cuthbert 5, Walker 3, Wilson 4, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3 (Tuckerman 70 min.), Gruicic 4, Tolson 4, Harvey 4, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 4, Ashurst 3, Thomson 3, Shepherd 4, Carr 4, Doyle 5, Taylor 4, Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 4, McLean 2 (Frakes 70 min.).

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Eaton 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3 (Pont 60 min.), Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Byles 3, G. Smith 4, Turner 4, Spiekerman 4, Jack 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * * *

Fraser 4, Raeburn 4, Kerklaan 3, Mullen 3 (Callaghan 62 min.), Hughes 4, Russell 3, Blues 4, Forster 2, McKinnon 4, Pollard 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackley 4, McGillivray 3 (Callaghan 62 min.), Hughes 4, Russell 3, Blues 4, Forster 2, McKinnon 4, Pollard 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * *

Maglis 4, Henson 4, Hignett 3, Barboutis 4, H. Xipolitis 5, Wetton 4, Clarke 2 (replaced Stirling 29 min.), Thorne 3, McCulloch 5, G. Manuel 4, Cullodon 2.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

This was a farcical match by no fault of the players. After 20 minutes they had no chance to control the ball on the water-logged pitch and what had started off as a bright match deteriorated into a hacking contest. While the ground was still reasonably firm Prague were well on top and played some good football. Ryde were decidedly lucky to lead at the break, but in the ankle-deep slush in the second half they gradually got on top of their tiring opponents to clinch the two points with a second goal. Prague, who lost playmaker Rooney 20 minutes from the end, scored a late "consolation" goal, but it was far too late to matter and Ryde had again justified their tag of Sydney soccer mudlarks.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 276.

— LOU GAUTIER

A draw was a fair outcome although it was hard to see Marconi pegging back three goals after their shocking first half performance. Auburn dominated the game in the first half with good attacking football and splendid lead-up moves which had Marconi defending constantly under pressure. Leading 3-0 at halftime, Auburn seemed set for a big win, but it was not to be as their attack lost its bite and the players were content to fall back to defend their lead thus giving Marconi too much room. Ernie Campbell started the fightback with two goals within six minutes and he laid on the third for Danajevits with four minutes to spare. The match roughened up in the second half with some unnecessary hard tackling, and although Auburn may think they were robbed, Marconi earned and deserved their point at the end.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 1,350.

— CHARLES SPITERI

The much awaited and well promoted "derby" turned out to be a damp squib. Hakoah, with splendid opportunism, raced to a commanding lead before halftime. They scored from their first two sorters, both against the run of play, exploiting well the shakes and jitters of the St. George defence. The second half was a bore. Hakoah, content with their impressive lead, slowed the game down to a walking pace and, for some unknown reason, the Saints fell into line. Instead of making an all-out effort to at least make a match of it, St. George, with their morale shattered to bits, were happy to play out time and seemingly grateful for not conceding more goals.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 8,500.

— PAUL DEAN

After an indifferent first half, the match developed into a real crowd-pleaser. South Coast, however, missed several chances throughout. The visitors only looked as if they might snatch victory in the first 15 minutes of the second half when their breakaways spelt grave danger. Luck was on Souths' side in the dying stages as first Tolson, then Gruicic and even Walker missed only by inches. The closest South Coast did come to a goal was a tremendous shot by replacement Gary Tuckerman that hit the underside of the bar and bounced out.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 5,011.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

Wests came dangerously close to losing a precious point when they struck unexpectedly tough opposition from the spirited Berries who refused to be intimidated. Apart from the first 10 minutes of each half when Western Suburbs attacked strongly and appeared set to swamp Canterbury, the match was surprisingly even, with both defences masters of the situation. Just as Canterbury looked likely to force a draw, a fumble by goalie Jim Fraser, until then faultless, enabled Spiekerman to score the winning goal in the 84th minute.

Referee: P. Rumpley.

Crowd: 1,042.

— ERIC HULME

This was a dour, hard fought match dominated by the defences, particularly Pan Hellenic's which was never in any real danger, except for a few minutes after A.P.I.A.'s shock 70th minute equaliser. Pan Hellenic were clearly the better team. They played the more constructive soccer and had by far the most chances, but poor shooting and bad luck robbed them of victory. A.P.I.A., who surrendered the midfield to McCulloch, in dazzling form, and to Wetton, came back into the match against the run of play with a magnificent goal by Terry Butler. This lifted their game and for a few minutes they had Pan Hellenic backpedalling, but the visitors got on top again towards the end. Just on fulltime, Forster could have clinched the two points for A.P.I.A., but he missed an incredible sitter from right in front.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 7,005.

— LOU GAUTIER

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	1	1	23	13	16
South Sydney	7	2	1	19	13	17
APIA	6	3	1	24	9	15
Prague	6	3	1	24	9	15
Wests	5	3	2	20	10	13
SCU	3	4	3	17	21	10
St. George	3	4	3	16	9	16
Marconi	3	1	5	13	20	7
Pan Hellenic	2	1	7	10	24	5
Canterbury	1	3	5	11	21	5
Auburn	2	—	7	5	14	4
Ryde	—	—	—	—	—	—
				10	38	

THIRD DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	8	—	2	23	13	16
Hakoah	7	—	2	20	10	14
South Sydney	6	—	2	25	10	12
Auburn	5	—	2	19	10	12
Wests	4	—	4	21	15	12
Ryde	4	—	4	13	20	10
St. George	4	—	4	15	14	9
Marconi	3	—	4	12	13	8
APIA	3	—	4	12	17	8
SCU	2	—	6	15	19	7
Pan Hellenic	2	—	6	8	22	6
Canterbury	2	—	8	13	31	2

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	7	1	2	23	14	15
Corinthians	6	2	2	23	15	14
Granville	5	4	—	23	11	14
Malita Eagles	5	1	3	18	14	11
Balgownie	4	—	3	20	12	11
Manly	4	—	4	14	13	10
Polonia	4	1	5	23	28	9
Bankstown	4	—	6	19	22	8
Guildford	2	3	5	16	22	7
Artarmon	2	3	4	14	20	7
Concordia	2	1	6	17	30	5
NS-Inter	1	1	7	9	33	3

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	7	3	—	23	6	17
Sutherland	7	1	1	29	13	16
Balgownie	6	3	1	22	8	15
Manly	6	1	3	38	22	13
Guildford	5	1	3	20	17	11
Granville	4	—	3	22	14	10
Polonia	4	3	3	23	25	9
Artarmon	2	2	4	13	18	8
Corinthians	2	1	7	13	22	5
Concordia	2	1	7	11	25	8
Malita Eagles	1	1	7	11	25	8
NS-Inter	—	2	7	6	23	2

THIRD DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	9	1	—	28	6	19
Bankstown	8	1	1	36	5	17
Balgownie	6	1	3	16	9	13
Granville	5	1	3	18	11	11
Sutherland	4	3	3	15	11	11
Malita Eagles	4	1	4	17	8	9
Artarmon	4	—	5	16	18	8
NS-Inter	2	3	4	10	21	7
Guildford	2	2	5	13	17	6
Corinthians	2	2	5	10	14	6
Polonia	3	—	7	20	28	6
Concordia	—	1	8	2	47	1

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Sutherland	4	3	1	21	17	11
Northern Dist.	4	2	1	22	13	10
A.C. Cliff	4	2	1	19	12	10
Banks City	3	2	1	12	6	8
Campbelltown	4	—	4	14	13	8
Lane Cove	4	—	4	14	10	8
Revesby W.	3	1	4	20	17	7
Wentworth	3	1	3	15	14	7
Enmore	2	2	4	13	16	6
Belmore	3	—	4	11	16	6
N. Bankstown	2	1	4	12	18	5
Marrickville	1	2	5	11	22	4

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Unit. NSW	5	—	2	18	5	10
Riverside	4	2	—	30	10	10
O.Ville Ravens	4	2	1	16	8	10
Rosbery	4	1	1	20	7	9
Warrington	4	1	1	15	10	9
Condell Park	3	—	2	10	5	6
Newtown	2	—	3	13	17	4
Yagoona	2	—	4	13	21	4
Kewdale	1	—	5	10	31	2
South Sydney	7	1	—	27	1	29

SECOND DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cholsea	8	—	—	36	—	15
Queens Park	7	1	—	31	6	16
West Ryde	7	—	—	27	7	14
Napier	4	1	3	18	9	9
Blacktown	4	—	3	17	11	8
Sydney Uni.	3	1	3	22	10	7
Maroubra	3	1	4	18	21	7
Bondi	3	—	2	10	18	6
Dee Why	1	—	6	7	16	2
Auburn	1	—	7	4	23	2
Firfield-Kisv	1	—	6	4	33	2
Lidcombe	1	—	6	1	40	2

THIRD DIVISION

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. St. George	6	1	1	28	9	13
Greenwich	5	2	1	23	7	12
Arcliffe RSL	6	—	2	31	11	12
Radstow Park	5	1	2	19	14	11
Alcoverrie Uni.	4	—	2	20	10	9
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	2	19	9	8
Eastwood	3	2	2	15	12	8
Thornleigh	4	—	3	15	21	8
Kogarah	2	—	4	16	20	6
Teonabbie	1	—	2	14	22	4
Greeneacre	—	1	6	10	39	1
Liverpool	—	—	8	6	42	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Six clubs kick-off in NSW State Cup

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Due to the rainy conditions only three games were played last weekend, but they were enough to change once again the picture at the top of the table.

Corinthians lost unexpectedly to Balgownie on Saturday and Sutherland, snatching a lucky point from Manly, are now clear at the top with a one-point margin.

Granville did not play but as their next match is against Corinthians, the situation has reached an interesting stage.

In the only other match played, Bankstown edged Polonia at the finish with a 4-3 victory in a rugged and spiteful game.

Corinthians v. Balgownie 1-2

Balgownie adapted themselves to the mud and wet conditions much better at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 on Saturday to knock Corinthians off their perch.

The game was played in a sea of mud and water, and after half-time even the markings disappeared, but the referee elected to go on when both teams were locked at 1-1.

Balgownie took the lead when Brian Edgely capitalised on a poor defensive clearance which deflected off left-half Johnson on its way into the net.

Corinthians equalised with an almost identical move with McEnally the scorer.

Ten minutes into the second half Balgownie's winger, Nigel McGuckin, pounced on a dead ball in a pool of water and hit it past Wilson to score the winning goal.

Polonia v. Bankstown 3-4

This game provided an exciting finish.

Five minutes before time Polonia had the game sewn up at 3-2, but an own goal by coach John Nowacki under pressure, gave Bankstown the equaliser, and only minutes later youngster Pat Dellar laid on the winning goal for Jimmy Roberts to score.

The game provided some good football but hardened as it progressed and in the final minutes inside-left Szmidi, of Polonia, and Dennis Madden of Bankstown, were sent off for allegedly kicking and punching each other.

Polonia were first to score through Zuni, but two goals by Pat Dellar, who played a blinder, soon put Bankstown on top.

Starek scored for Polonia to level at half-time and the same player hit another goal to put Polonia ahead until Bankstown's spirited fightback.

Manly v. Sutherland 1-1

With four regular first graders injured, Sutherland were lucky to take a point only made possible by a brilliant performance by goalkeeper Peter Hughes.

Hughes made save after save in the last 20 minutes when Manly got in top gear and threw everything they had at him.

There was no score in the first half, but with

both sides playing open, attacking football the game was both exciting and entertaining to watch.

Sutherland held a slight edge in this half and at one time almost took the lead, but the ball hit the crossbar and rebounded into play.

Ten minutes into the second half, left-half Paul Smith scored a great goal to give Sutherland the lead but with 12 minutes to go Crawford beat Hughes at last for the equaliser.

Manly: Gee; Russell, Riordan; Keddie, Hutchinson, McGill; Crawford (1), Hughes, Boden, Mallam, R. Jones.

Sutherland: Hughes; Perry, Wykes; Bennett, De Bruin, Smith (1); Piggett, Lavan, Chelliew, MacKnight, Branson (Johnson).

THIS WEEK

There will be no competition matches this weekend but six of the 12 Second Division teams will play in the State Cup.

There will be doubleheaders on Saturday at Garside Park and Woonona Oval, and Melita Eagles will play at Orange Showground against Orange Waratahs.

At Garside Park the first game will be between Granville and Newtown Progressive and the Second Division side should go through to the next round without being extended.

In addition to their present strong line-up, Granville have this week

signed Paul Vrolyks and Tibor Zuckerman.

In the other match it should be quite a battle between Artamon and Bankstown as both are at their peak and it would not surprise if a replay was necessary.

At Woonona NS-Inter clash with Juventus, Canberra in an even game.

At Orange, Melita Eagles will be playing against unknown quantity and the home crowd could help the locals in their bid to upset Melita, but the Sydney-siders should have enough experience to emerge comfortable winners.

Third Div.

W Sutherland in the lead

West Sutherland went to the top of the Third Division table with a 4-2 win over Revesby Workers last Sunday, although Northern Districts and Arncliffe Scots have a game in hand due to wet weather deferrals.

Once again West Sutherland showed that they are a particularly hard team to defeat on their home pitch at Seymour Shaw Park.

Revesby scored first, but the speedy West team wouldn't allow them to settle.

Outside left Graham Gibb and centre-forward Kevin Openshaw scored Workers' goals, and 16-year-old left-back Peter Ricketts played a great game.

Revesby is negotiating with Bankstown's Roy Hinkman in a bid to tighten up the defence, which has conceded 17 goals so far in league fixtures.

Two Saturday fixtures, North Bankstown v. Northern Districts and Wentworth v. Belmore were not played due to the weather, and Banks City and Arncliffe on Sunday was not played due to the flooding of the pitch.

Lane Cove had a good win at Campbelltown on Sunday, the home side being weakened by the temporary absence of their star forward Jerrison.

— Keith Gilmour

RESULTS

Enmore v. Marrickville 1-1 1-2
W. Sutherland v. Revesby 4-2 4-0
Campbelltown v. Lane Cove 1-2 1-0

THIS WEEK'S DRAW
Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Wentworth; Cahill Park; Marrickville v. Banks City; Macquarie Park; Revesby Workers v. Enmore; Bankstown Soccer Centre; Northern Districts v. West Sutherland; Englefield Stadium; Campbelltown v. North Bankstown; Campbelltown Showground; Lane Cove v. Belmore; Pottery Green.
No Sunday matches because of NSW v. FA XI.

VICTORIAN TABLE				
JUST	6	1	19	6 13
Hellas	5	2	15	5 12
Croatia	6	—	2	16 6 12
Paloma	5	2	12	6 12
Melbourne	5	1	14	6 11
Juventus	4	2	12	0 10
Box Hill	3	3	9	7 9
Hakoah	3	5	6	10 6
Wilhelmina	1	2	5	12 4
George Cross	2	—	6	7 24 4
Alexander	1	6	5	13 3
Lions	8	—	—	15

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

JUST should consolidate their position this weekend when they clash with Lions, a serious contender for relegation, at Footscray on Saturday. Other State League fixtures for this weekend are:

Saturday: Hakoah v. Polonia (Middle Park), Box Hill v. George Cross (Box Hill).

Sunday: Melbourne v. SM Hellas (Middle Park), Alexander v. Juventus (Olympic Park), Wilhelmina v. Croatia (Ringwood).

Last week's results: JUST 1 (Buljevic) v. SM-Hellas 1 (Gould), Juventus 1 (Webster) d. Hakoah 0, Alexander 2 (Xanthopoulos, Madenovic) d. Lions 0, Croatia 2 (Vojtek, Markin) d. George Cross 1 (Tomic), Melbourne-HSC 2 (Pocock, Pinter) d. Wilhelmina 0, Polonia v. Box Hill 0-0.

The fact that Rale Rasic has seen fit to include only two Victorians, Jim MacKay and Bob Dobbing, in the Australian squad for the matches against the English FA has not caused any great headaches in Melbourne. For the simple fact is that State League soccer at present, anyway, is sadly lacking in personalities who have the necessary skill and ability to rise above their present level. The omission of Billy Vojtek, however, has caused some considerable controversy.

Both Hakoah and George Cross made bids for the services of Marko Fode, the JUST 'keeper who recently joined South Melbourne-Hellas. Hakoah stepped out of the reckoning when JUST quoted their price, but George Cross had expected to clinch the deal before their match with Polonia and were shocked when they learned the player had joined Hellas.

Bill Monteith, who was on the books of the English First Division Crystal Palace and who joined Hakoah after the start of the season, is unlikely to play again this season. The unlucky Monteith suffered a leg fracture in the Hakoah v. Melbourne match six weeks ago.

Peter Osborne, the talented young English striker of Maribynong-Triestina who went west to Western Australia where he is playing on permit for Tricolore, is hitting the high spots in Perth and scoring regularly. Several State League sides, well aware of Osborne's potential, virtually 'slept' by not moving for the player while he was still in Melbourne.

Duncan McKay, the former Glasgow Celtic and Scottish international defender who did so much to put Croatia on the map as a top side after he arrived here in 1964, but who has not played for the club for nearly two years, is keen to make a comeback and move if necessary to a Metropolitan side. The Scot, who reckons he is still very fit, would be an asset to some of the struggling State League sides, let alone Metro teams, if Croatia's price is right.

Victoria's under-16 squad, being prepared for the national championships in Canberra at the end of August, is bossed by Bill Curran, who is in charge of the coaching with South Melbourne-Hellas juniors. Curran is being assisted in the training schedules by Vic Janczyk (Croatia) and Jim Adam (Frankston City). Victoria won the title last year.

A sign of the times is evident by the fact that David High, the former Slavia and Victoria fullback, is still on the sidelines after being transfer-listed by South Melbourne-Hellas for some considerable time. And I know that the fee asked by Hellas for High is reasonable considering the player's undoubted skills and talent. High was a former Reading first team player and English youth international before coming to Australia.

Jerzy Blank, a former first team regular for Polonia who finished his national service last year, is having a tough time trying to win back a regular first team place in Polonia's team which has had remarkable success this season. Blank's outings this season so far have been limited to the role of substitute.

Soccer has gained quite a foothold in Bendigo (Victoria) and a four-club senior league is now in full swing with strong possibilities of more clubs taking part soon. The game also has a foothold in the local schools and will surely expand in this sphere more quickly now that the seniors have got a grip.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Warringah below form despite clever goals

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Although playing below their best, Warringah Saints gained a 2-0 win over Granville Kewpies at Dee Why Oval.

The pitch was good at one end and greasy at the other, and somehow the Warringah side allowed their play to get patchy also.

Their goals, however, were good ones.

Bob Cocticanin sent Gary Ambrosia away for the first with a well judged through-ball midway in the second half.

With 10 minutes to go, Mickey Taylor crossed from the left wing and Joe Zappia headed in from very close range.

A number of games were not played due to the shocking weather on Saturday.

In Second Division Blacktown Spartan were one up at half-time against Bondi, and ran out 3-1 winners.

Fred Standerewicz screwed a ball from just outside the box through a wall of Bondi defenders for their second goal, and left-winger Colin Akers notched the third.

Yugoslav-born goalkeeper Bob Knezavich had a good game for the winners. Bondi were always quick to the ball, aiming to stop the improving Spartans

from settling down, but their tactics were not good enough to carry the day.

STRONG COMEBACK

Ku-ring-gai, who had thrown points away early in the season, were back with vengeance with a 1-0 win over competition leader West St. George.

The goal came early in the second half, when Keith James followed up a rebound from a Frank Knight shot at goal.

Eddie Murphy was sound in defence, Graham Parker was at his top in goal, and Tommy Galloway strong in midfield.

The result was a feather in the cap of Harry Buton, who has just taken over as the first grade coach.

Padstow Park shot up to fourth place on their table with a good win over Greenwich.

With the teams looked at 1-1, Greenwich 'keeper Tony Brown called for a ball which was supplied, but he dropped it in a mud pool just in front of him, allowing a Padstow forward to scoop it into the goal.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

S. Sydney v. Yagons 0-4 1-3
Warringah v. Kewpies 2-0 8-0

SECOND DIVISION

Chelsea v. Nepean 2-0 3-0
Blacktown v. Bondi 3-1 2-4
Queens Park v. Maroubra 2-2 3-0
Auburn v. Dee Why 2-1 1-3

THIRD DIVISION

W. St. Geo. v. Ku-ring-gai 0-1 3-2
Padstow v. Greenwich 2-1 4-3
Toongabbie v. Arn. RSL 2-5 4-2
Liverpool v. Kogarah 1-2 1-2

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

Saturday: Riverside Rapid v. Rosberry Rhodes — Mahony Oval; South Sydney v. Warringah Saints — Boomlee Park; Yagons v. Gladesville Ravens — O'Neill Park; Bondi v. Auburn Juniors — Waverley Oval 1; Lidcombe v. Blacktown — Colman Park; Maroubra v. Fairfield — Coral Sea Park; Nepean v. Queens Park — Jamieson Park; West Ryde v. Chelsea — Meadowbank 3; Sydney Uni. v. Dee Why — St. Pauls Oval; Greenwich v. Liverpool City — Gore Creek Reserve; Thornleigh v. Padstow Park — Thornleigh Oval; Greenacre v. Eastwood Town — Allum Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Arncliffe RSL — Macquarie University; West St. George v. Toongabbie — Bexley Oval; Ku-ring-gai v. Kogarah — Aqueduct Oval.

SA RESULTS

Juventus v. Budapest 5-1; Hellas v. Polonia 2-1, Cumberland v. Croatia 2-1, Victoria v. Azurri 4-0; Elizabeth v. Lion 2-2.
Standings: Hellas 10; Lion, Juventus 7; Victoria, Polonia, Elizabeth 6; Azurri 4; Croatia, Cumberland 2; Budapest 0.

OUTCLASSED BY A NOT TOO CLASSY OPPONENT

— By PAUL DEAN —

All the fears expressed about the quality and attractiveness of the English FA team came to be justified last Sunday.

Although they did beat NSW 1-0 — and it could have been more — the FA team failed to excite even those expatriates with the large Union Jacks who were willing, indeed, itching to go into raptures over them.

The English FA won because they were by far the better of the two teams on the day.

Nobody had doubted that these English First, Second and Third Division professionals are all accomplished, competent players.

After all, this is their living and not a bad one at that.

Players blameless

Some people with faulty logic have claimed that we have "rubbed" the players of the English FA team.

This, of course, is nonsense.

In many ways, we feel sorry for them, as they seem to have copped all the criticism.

These players, just like the Australian soccer public, have been placed in an embarrassing position by the FA and the ASF.

Let us reiterate our stand to clear up this matter for once and all.

We protested, as did many other publications, over the attitude of the Football Association who simply didn't keep an alleged bargain with the ASF.

We criticised the ASF for making a bad deal in the first place.

When you invite a dozen people to your home for dinner and only half of them turn up, bringing six total strangers, you are somewhat put out — even if the strangers are a perfectly charming and entertaining lot.

Nobody will convince us that the Football Association and the ASF, between them, have not made a mess of this tour.

We concede, however, that the FA players now in Australia are blameless. The criticism wasn't leveled against them but against officials of the two countries who once again let down the Australian soccer public.

— P. D. —

The 92 English League clubs could probably field 30 or 40 almost identical FA teams, with or without careful permutation, and any of them would look superior to a NSW side.

Because of an almost uniform style prevalent in England, all these teams would play identical football even if they had never played together before.

The English displayed their customary fitness, speed and strength; they showed above average ball skill and finely developed positional sense.

But they lacked color, class, and an ability to improvise, even entertain.

There was a good, solid tradesman-like display without the frills; not surprisingly, it ended in a pleasant 1-0 "away" win, the dream of every English professional in the hurly-burly of their league championship.

If the match was drab — and it was — NSW should shoulder its fair share of the blame for this.

For at least 70 minutes NSW and not the FA team gave the impression that they had just met for the first time.

One must doubt the value of the regular "training sessions" stretching back some two months if this is the best NSW can provide.

In the first half the Sydney players seemed to be fighting a sizeable handicap.

COMPLEX

The nine English and Scottish players in our team must have been laboring under a huge inferiority complex; after all, they are now here while their opponents are still shining in English League clubs.

The NSW defence was often panic-stricken and it was pure luck that they were not 3-0 down by halftime.

It was striking how regularly the NSW players lost the fight for the ball in almost every close combat.

The FA team played a certain style which probably closely resembles the pattern of their clubs, without too much variation.

NSW played in no style at all; most of the moves were haphazard and un-rehearsed.

Even the tempo of the match was disappointing. The English clapped on the pace in the first half hour

when they really looked promising, if not good.

Later, the game drowned in a sea of mediocrity with NSW struggling hard and the FA side cruising in low gear.

It's almost certain that the English will improve, as the tour goes on.

The NSW team was an even bigger disappointment than the match itself.

Regrettably, the inferiority of our State side will always become apparent against British opponents; our players are also from the UK — but theirs are better.

English FA: Grummitt, Hindley, Wall, Keen, Stephenson, Eddy, Piper, Mills, Chilton, Wagstaffe, Garland (Bridges 75 min.).

NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Richards, Wilson, Schaefer, Blues (Denton 76 min.), Rooney, Alston, Baartz (Alagich 75 min.), Ainslie.

Scorer: Chilton, 16 min.
Referee: Frank Sbisá.
Crowd: 19,000.



Photographer Tim Pockley captured this Kamikaze-like diving header by Ray Richards at the feet of England's Chris Chilton last Sunday.

BIG MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

These were the highlights of the English FA v. NSW match:

First half

2 min.: Garland beats Curran but sends a weak shot from 18 yards which Reilly easily saves.

5 min.: Ainslie's tentative shot from 20 yards sails many feet over Grummitt's goal.

7 min.: Chilton's overhead pass finds Piper whose weak shot lands in Reilly's arms.

9 min.: In a goalmouth scramble Reilly is shoved aside by Wagstaffe and Chilton scores — but the goal is disallowed.

14 min.: Piper sends yet another tepid shot from 20 yards, straight to Reilly.

15 min.: Baartz almost gets to a long throughball but Grummitt beats him to it a few yards from the English goal.

16 min.: Hindley's cross is breasted down by Chilton some 12 yards from the NSW goal and the English striker, between the hesitating Wilson and Schaefer, slams the ball in. 1-0.

22 min.: Keith's backpass is short, Garland steals it from the advancing Reilly and then shoots over the bar of an empty goal.

24 min.: Alston bursts through in the centre and Hindley saves to corner in the last second.

25 min.: Alston's pass finds Ainslie whose hard drive from 20 yards is saved by Grummitt.



GEORGE KEITH

30 min.: Reilly is charged by Chilton and the goalie needs attention for a hard bump on his chest.

32 min.: Wagstaffe beats Keith and Rooney on the left flank, sends in a curving cross to the other side but Garland's flying header from four yards is wide.

36 min.: Richards' long throw is volleyed by Baartz; the ball goes wide of the far post but Rooney almost gets his head to it.

38 min.: Mills shoots from some 25 yards but it's very wide.

41 min.: Piper's sharp low cross from the right eludes the diving Reilly and Wilson, spreadeagled, saves to corner.

43 min.: Alston's weak left-foot drive from 14 yards prons into Grummitt's arms.

45 min.: Rooney streaks off on the right wing but his cross is sent over the bar by Ainslie.

Second half

6 min.: Chilton heads a cross just over the bar.

11 min.: Garland puts Mills through, the NSW defence stops waiting for an off-side decision, Mills races on alone and lobs the ball over the advancing Reilly — but the ball is wide.

20 min.: Blues escapes on the left wing, sends in a perfect cross — but the other forwards are nowhere near.

21 min.: Garland's cross is quickly volleyed by Chilton

from close range but Reilly makes a great save.

22 min.: Once again Mills shoots from a distance but the ball goes wide.

23 min.: Rooney fights for a ball and gets it, flicks it to Blues who speeds off unchallenged on the wing, but shoots weakly wide of the near post instead of centering the ball.

23 min.: Curran slips and lets Chilton through on the right flank but his shot slips past the far post.

28 min.: Baartz to Alston to Rooney, he makes a run and plays the ball back to Baartz whose cross is just missed by Alston.

30 min.: NSW replace Baartz and Blues with Denton and Alagich, the FA side brings in Bridges for Garland.

35 min.: Mills finally lets go with a great drive and Reilly has to fly to save to corner.

40 min.: Wagstaffe's low cross lands in the goal area but Reilly saves diving on the feet of Bridges.

44 min.: Wilson's pass-back from 20 yards flashes out to corner past the diving Reilly.

— PAUL DEAN

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N.S.W. FEDERATION FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY					NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	
Hakoah	10	8	2	—	29 7 18	5	4	1	—	19 5 9	5	4	1	—	10 2 9	Wests
Wests	10	6	3	1	21 12 15	6	4	1	1	12 7 9	4	2	2	—	9 5 6	Hakoah*
St. George	10	6	2	2	26 9 14	5	3	1	1	10 4 7	5	3	1	1	16 5 7	Marconi*
Pan Hellenic	10	4	4	2	14 14 12	5	2	2	1	7 7 6	5	2	2	1	7 7 6	Canterbury*
APIA	10	4	3	3	14 15 11	5	1	2	2	4 9 4	5	3	1	1	10 6 7	South Sydney
South Coast	10	2	6	2	16 14 10	5	2	2	1	11 7 6	5	—	4	1	5 7 4	Prague
Ryde	10	3	3	4	15 17 9	5	1	2	2	6 9 4	5	2	1	2	9 8 5	Auburn
South Sydney	10	3	3	4	14 20 9	5	2	—	3	9 16 4	5	1	3	1	5 4 5	APIA*
Marconi	10	1	6	3	15 22 8	5	—	5	—	8 8 5	5	1	1	3	7 14 3	St. George
Auburn	10	2	2	6	15 24 6	5	—	1	4	3 11 1	5	2	1	2	12 13 5	Ryde*
Prague	10	2	—	8	12 21 4	4	2	—	2	7 5 4	6	—	—	6	5 16 0	South Coast*
Canterbury*	10	1	2	7	8 24 4	5	—	1	4	2 13 1	5	1	1	3	6 11 3	Pan Hellenic

* Four penalty points to be deducted.

Sydney crowds show rise over last year's figures

First Division championship crowds are up 18 per cent on last year.

Total present attendance is 164,328 compared to 140,097 in 1970.

If 17,000 spectators watch this week's games, as expected, the first round of the championship will have been watched by about 182,000 spectators.

The attendance was only 155,000 at the same stage last season.

Pan Hellenic are back on their pedestal as Sydney's top crowd-pulling club.

After 10 rounds the Greek-sponsored team has attracted 46,767 spectators to its matches, averaging 4,676 spectators to their games so far as against 3,564 for the whole of last season.

Pan Hellenic, in 1970, were only watched by 78,500 people, and for the first time in some years surrendered the number one spot in the drawcard

stakes to APIA, who totalled 82,400 spectators.

Since there should be a crowd of about 6,000 at Wentworth Park for their match against Canterbury on Sunday, Pan Hellenic should easily break the 50,000-spectator barrier at the halfway mark of the championship.

Provided they stay in contention for a berth in the play-offs right through the second round, Pan Hellenic have every chance of cracking the 100,000-spectator mark once more, and may even do better than in 1969 when 112,934 fans watched their 22 league games.

APIA should retain their post as the second-best supported club right through the competition, while Hakoah and St. George-Budapest could be overtaken by Marconi, whose crowds will swell, especially at home, if they start winning again.

Hakoah and Saints, however, appear set to better last year's totals when they attracted 73,800 and 71,000 spectators respectively.

Ryde, whose 1970 matches were only seen by 45,000, have made spectacular gains this season as their 10 games have already been watched by 30,593 people.

The least supported teams are also the tail-enders on the attendance list.

While the rankings of Prague and Auburn won't surprise anyone, Canterbury's lowly crowd appeal this year is certainly due to the four points which have been deducted from them.

In 1970 Canterbury attracted 55,600 spectators — the sixth highest total attendance — but at almost the halfway mark this season only 14,695 have watched them.

This is where the crowds went after 10 rounds:

Pan Hellenic: 46,767

APIA: 39,178

Hakoah: 34,440

St. George: 33,415

Marconi: 31,855

Ryde: 30,593

South Coast: 26,432

Wests: 21,850

Souths: 21,804

Canterbury: 14,695

Auburn: 13,717

Prague: 13,570

READERS' LETTERS

PROTECT GOALIES

I would like to know why the ruling was changed with regard to the goalkeeper's movement with the ball.

It seems unfair to take away a goalkeeper's mobility and leave the opposition's tactics unchanged.

I have myself been the victim of unscrupulous play in this regard and received two injuries to the instep through a raised foot at the moment of kicking the ball.

This gained my team a freekick, but lost them a goalkeeper for the rest of the game.

The old rule gave us an even chance, but not now. Last week I was penalised for not getting rid of the ball, at the time two opposing forwards were jumping up and down in front of me.

Why was the freekick given against me?

Watching a match from England on TV recently, a player was penalised for jumping up and down in front of an opponent taking a throw-in.

This was classed as "ungentlemanly conduct" — doesn't the same thing apply to goalkeepers?

My own view on this is that the rule would be reasonable if once the goalie was in safe possession of the ball the opponent must walk away and allow the game to flow on.

If the referee considered that the 'keeper was wasting time, then he should penalise him.

A goalkeeper gets enough knocks without being exposed to this sort of treatment.

A. Farrar, Eastwood

PATRIOT

The English tour of Australia has aroused strong criticism and many people have bitterly complained that the English FA has failed to secure players of note in the touring squad.

Even the ASF is concerned that without star material the crowd-pulling capacity of the tourists will not be as great as otherwise expected.

— LOU GAUTIER

The English FA, nevertheless, states that he sent the best team possible, considering the strenuous season the players have just completed, and that we "colonials" should be happy with what we got.

I agree. In actual fact we should be pleased, and highly elated as well, as here is a wonderful opportunity for the Australian national team next week to show the soccer world that we are no longer just a baby, but a nation fast reaching soccer adolescence.

Our aim then should be for the Australian team to win, and win well, so that we can gain recognition and announce ourselves as a future world threat.

It is imperative for Australia to beat the visitors because then on future tours the FA would make sure they are sending a "strong" team.

On a final note, I hope that many soccer followers in Sydney and Melbourne will turn up to cheer Australia.

The team has done so much for Australian soccer that it is now our turn, as supporters, to help them with our encouragements.

Cathie Mohesi, Haberfield.

GUTLESS

If the Australian Federation had any guts it would have called the English tour off the minute players started pulling out.

Australian soccer has nothing to gain from such nondescript visitors.

We should either get the very best (Santos, Inter Milan, Celtic or Arsenal) to swell our coffers or bring out a national team of equal standard to ours which would offer much in way of competitive interest.

The ASF's policy on tours leaves a lot to be desired and I think the time has come when tours should be left to competent tour promoters who operate very successfully — and efficiently — from Europe.

L. Preddy, Bondi.

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A P
Hakoah	8	1	32	12 17
South Sydney	7	2	1	29 13 16
APIA	6	3	1	24 5 15
Prague	6	3	1	24 9 15
Wests	5	3	2	29 10 13
SCU	3	4	3	17 21 10
St. George	3	3	3	13 16 9
Marconi	3	1	5	13 20 7
Pan Hellenic	2	1	7	14 18 5
Canterbury	1	3	5	11 31 5
Auburn	2	—	7	5 14 4
Ryde	—	—	10	10 38 —

(Third Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A P
Prague	8	—	2	25 13 16
Hakoah	7	1	2	33 14 15
South Sydney	6	—	4	25 10 12
Auburn	5	2	2	19 10 12
Wests	4	4	2	21 15 12
St. George	5	1	4	13 10 11
Ryde	4	2	4	13 20 10
Marconi	3	2	4	11 13 8
APIA	2	4	4	12 17 8
SCU	2	3	4	13 19 7
Pan Hellenic	2	2	6	3 22 6
Canterbury	2	8	13	31 2

(Second Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A P
Bankstown	7	3	—	23 6 17
Sutherland	7	2	1	29 13 16
Balgownie	6	1	3	14 13 10
Manly	6	1	3	38 22 13
Guildford	5	1	3	20 17 11
Granville	4	2	3	22 14 10
Polonia	3	2	4	21 26 9
Artarmon	2	2	4	13 18 8
Corinthians	2	1	7	13 22 5
Concordia	2	1	6	12 38 5
Melita Eagles	1	1	7	11 24 5
NS-Inter	—	2	7	6 23 2

(Third Grade)				
W	D	L	F	A P
Manly	9	1	—	28 6 19
Bankstown	8	1	1	36 5 17
Balgownie	6	1	3	16 9 13
NS-Inter	5	1	3	16 11 11
Granville	4	3	3	13 16 11
Sutherland	4	1	4	14 13 9
Melita Eagles	4	—	5	16 18 8
Artarmon	2	3	4	10 21 7
NS-Inter	2	2	5	13 17 6
Guildford	2	2	5	13 17 6
Corinthians	2	2	5	13 17 6
Polonia	3	—	7	20 28 6
Concordia	1	8	2	47 1

THIRD DIVISION				
W	D	L	F	A P
N. Districts	5	2	1	25 14 12
Acliffa Scots	5	2	1	23 14 12
W. Sutherland	4	3	2	20 11 11
Campbelltown	5	—	4	15 13 10
Banks City	3	3	3	12 9 9
Lane Cove	4	1	4	15 20 9
Enmore	3	2	4	16 17 8
Revesby W.	3	1	5	21 20 7
Wentworth	3	1	4	16 13 7
Belmore	3	1	4	12 17 7
N. Bankstown	2	1	5	12 19 5
Marrickville	1	3	5	14 25 5

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION				
W	D	L	F	A P
G'ville Ravens	5	2	1	19 9 13
Rosebery R.	5	1	2	23 8 11
Warringah	5	1	2	17 10 11
Uni. NSW	5	—	2	18 5 10
Riverside R.	4	2	1	31 13 10
Condell Park	3	—	3	10 8 6
Newtown	2	—	3	13 17 4
Yagoona	2	—	5	14 24 4
Keapies	1	—	7	10 31 2
South Sydney	—	—	8	1 31

SECOND DIVISION				
W	D	L	F	A P
Chelsea	9	—	3	2 18
Queens Park	9	—	3	18
West Ryde	7	—	1	29 11 10
Blacktown	5	—	3	21 11 14
Norpan	4	1	4	16 19 9
Maroubra	4	—	5	21 24 8
Bondi	4	—	5	23 20 8
Sydney Uni.	3	1	4	24 17 4
Dee Why	2	—	6	11 18 4
Auburn	1	—	5	6 26 2
Fairfield Kiev	1	—	7	11 1
Lidcombe	1	—	7	14 2 2

THIRD DIVISION				
W	D	L	F	A P
Greenwich	6	2	1	31 7 14
W. St. George	6	1	2	29 11 12
Acliffa RSL	6	—	3	35 14 12
Pedlow Park	5	2	2	21 16 12
Macquarie Uni.	5	1	2	25 14 11
Eastwood	4	2	2	20 13 10
Thornlieve	4	1	4	17 20 9
Ku-ring-gai	3	2	4	19 10 8
Kogarah	3	2	4	17 20 8
Toongabbie	2	2	5	16 23 6
Greeneville	1	—	7	11 1
Liverpool	—	—	9	6 50 —

STATE CUP RESULTS				
Melita Eagles v. Orange	7-0			
Bellambi v. Concordia	4-1			
NS-Inter v. Juventus (ACT)	1-0			
Granville v. Newtown	4-0			
Bankstown v. Artarmon	4-0			

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LET'S LEAVE TOURS TO EXPERT AGENTS

The bungling which again characterised this year's English FA tour of Australia should compel the ASF to recruit the services of an agent when future tours are planned.

Europe abounds with licensed FIFA and UEFA agents whose livelihood depends on contracts being honored.

Since adverse publicity would put them out of business, these agents make sure that nothing goes wrong and there have been few complaints over the years when

tours have been handled by professionals.

The ASF could pick and choose among the many agencies that operate with the blessings of both FIFA and the European ruling body, the UEFA.

This year, for instance, one such agency, Europaische Sportagentur, would have

been able to provide the following teams in June and July:

- Bayern Munchen (West Germany) \$6,000* a match.
- Hertha Berlin (West Germany) \$5,000.
- Schalke 04 (West Germany) \$5,000.
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- Anderlecht (Belgium) \$5,000.
- Dukla Prague (Czech) \$2,000.
- Wiener Sportklub (Austria) \$2,000.
- US dollars.

No one will ever convince us that Bayern Munchen, the Beckenbauer and Muller team, at only \$ Aust. \$5,000 a match, or Belgium's crack Anderlecht team, wouldn't have been a far better proposition than the present FA tourists.

The ASF would also be well advised to let competent agents handle any future tours by Australian teams as well despite the highly successful arrangements by secretary Brian Le Fevre last year.

— LOU GAUTIER

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Granville thriller tops weekend bill

The competition resumes this weekend with a midweek fixture between Granville and Concordia at Garside Park which the former should win.

Arncliffe's first goal, and had a hand in the second, which Ray Telfer netted.

5A RESULTS
Hellas v. Cumberland 6-0; Juventus v. Azzurri 3-1; Lion v. Croatia 4-0; Polonia v. Budapest 8-1.
Standings: Hellas 12; Lion, Juventus 9; Polonia 8; Elizabeth Victoria 6; Azzurri 4; Croatia, Cumberland 2; Budapest 0.

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Prague

0 (0)

Bracklow 4, Harcombe 4, McLoughlin 3 (replaced Henderson 35 min.), Zeman 4, Blanco 4, Rootsey 4, Butler 2, Ridley 2, Walsh 3, Rooney 5, Perry 2 (Reilly 72 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Match rating: * * *

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

Tolson 82 min.

Ramage 4, Gleeson 4, Cuthbert 3, Carr 4, Wilson 3, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3 (Stewart 63 min.), Tuckerman 3, Tolson 3, Harvey 2, McGunigle 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Harris.

Auburn

1 (0)

Simpson 76 min.

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3, Stewart 3, Malone 5, Brady 3, Hucker 3, Simpson 3, Strachan 2, Rogers 3 (replaced by Hoggart 85 min.), Schneider 4, McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Ryde

1 (1)

I. Alagich 17 min.

Cajkusic 4, Trkulja 3, Nacinovich 3, Waters 3, I. Rudic 4, F. Rudic 4, J. Alagich 4, Brajkovic 2 (Bakovic 3), Edwards 3, Takac 4, M. Alagich 2 (replaced by Velsicovic 78 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

WESTS

1 (1)

Jack 7 min.

Eaton 5, Van Berk 4 (K. Edmunds 59 min.), Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 3, Blue 3, Byles 4, G. Smith 5, Turner 4, Spickerman 3, (Pont 83 min.), Jack 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * * * *

Hakoah

3 (2)

Marnoch 18 min., Yardley 20 and 80 mins.

Haffey 4, Davey 4, Hillsdon 4, Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Gardner 5, Rutherford 5, Yardley 4, Keddie 3, Baartz 3, Silva 4.

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: C. Fleming.

St. George

3 (2)

Abonyi 2 min. (penalty), Herron 19 and 87 mins.

Reilly 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Sandell 4, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 4, Herron 3, Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: Z. Basic.

Match rating: * * *

Marconi

2 (0)

Giacometti 51 and 89 (penalty) mins.

Rorke 3, Robertson 3, Giacometti 4, Moschen 4, Jones 3, Bon 4, Danajevits 4, Richards 4, Cudek 3, Campbell 2, Santoro 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: F. Nesti.

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)

Forster 70 min.

McQuire 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, Callaghan 4 (McGillivray 30 min.), Hughes 4 (Madrusan 45 min.), Russell 4, Blues 4, Forster 4, McKinnon 4, Pollard 3, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * * *

South Sydney

0 (0)

Corry 4, Ashurst 4, Thomson 4, Shepherd 3, Carr 4, Doyle 5, Taylor 3, Wright 4, Harris 4, Sullivan 3, McLean 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: M. Kiss.

P. Hellenic

3 (1)

G. Manuel 41 min., Harding 59 min., Thorne 86 min.

Maglis 4, Henson 4, Hignett 3, McCulloch 3, Barboutis 3, Wetton 4, Thorne 3, Harding 3, Manuel 4, H. Xipolitis 4 (replaced Cullen 26 min.), Clarke 3 (Smith 67 min.).

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * *

Canterbury

0 (0)

Fraser 4, Raeburn 4, Zivkovic 3 (Romanos 3), Scheinflug 4, J. Xipolitis 4, Kulak 4, Whitehead 2, Thompson 2, Lowry 3, Hardy 2, Bamforth 2 (Mullen 3).

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Prague once again were unable to capitalise on the many chances that came their way. They played the better football almost throughout, inspired as they were by Jim Rooney, again in brilliant form, and easily the best player on the field. Their finishing, however, was atrocious and Perry, Butler and Walsh were all found wanting. South Coast played a tight, cautious game and one had the feeling they would have been happy with a draw. Eight minutes from the end they made certain of two precious points when Tolson escaped Zeman's clutches for the first and only time of the match, latched onto a McGunigle centre and steered the ball out of the reach of the excellent Uwe Bracklow.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 811.

— LOU GAUTIER

Sharing the points equally was the fairest conclusion as neither side deserved to win outright. Ryde, who still have ambitions and hopes of making the semifinals, faded badly in the second half after a bright start and if they are to realise their hopes they require a 100 per cent improvement. Speedy winger Joe Alagich had the Auburn defence in trouble early in the game, but although he created many opportunities Ryde failed to capitalise on his forays. Auburn, driven hard by Frank Malone in midfield and Horst Schneider up front, lifted their game considerably in the second half to earn a hard-fought draw. In fact, if they had a little more punch in attack they could have well scored a victory in this half as they did all the attacking while Ryde retreated in defence.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 915.

— CHARLES SPITERI

The superior cohesion and greater calm of Hakoah won them the points in this tight match. In the first half Wests did enough to be at least level but a two-minute lapse in the defence proved costly. After the interval the tempo of the game fell away somewhat. Just when Wests were looking for the equaliser, another defensive blunder, initiated by Archie Blue, settled the issue for good. Hakoah, on the whole, deserved their win with a display which at times approached their best. However, Wests were at no stage outclassed and with a bit of luck could have made Hakoah's win even more difficult.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 4,100.

— PAUL DEAN

Saints are still battling to regain their early season form, but played well enough in the first half, despite two lucky escapes, to lead 2-0 at the break. The second half was all Marconi. They lifted their game and attacked non-stop. As time went on, not only did they look like equalising, but probable winners too. Ironically, three minutes from time St. George scored against the run of play to seal the result. A penalty for Marconi in the last minute came too late and Saints ran out lucky winners.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 1,850.

— FRANK JORDAN

This game was a thriller from go to whoa, and only at the final whistle blast was the result certain. APIA deserved their goal and their win, but success came their way through teamwork, fitness, and a lucky regrouping of the defence. When Pat Hughes went off with a hamstring injury, young John Russell came into the third back spot. He climbed high to cut out balls designed for the head of big Mike Harris. Only every few years will you see a game with so much well-directed snappy defence and so few goals due to such superb defence. The APIA defenders were always in position, but had South's Maurice Sullivan and David Taylor been in top form the result could well have been reversed.

Referee: N. Campbell.

Crowd: 3,227.

— KEITH GILMOUR

A disappointing match lacking in atmosphere despite the fireworks which greeted each Pan Hellenic goal. Canterbury held firm for about 40 minutes, during which time they even looked the slightly better team and created confusion in the Pan Hellenic defence whenever they broke away. After Gary Mannell's well-taken 41st minute goal, however, it was mainly one-way traffic until full-time. Only some splendid goalkeeping by Jim Fraser prevented Pan Hellenic from scoring a neat half-dozen. Two saves off headers by Brian Smith were particularly outstanding. Pan Hellenic have played better, but their superior speed on the ball was the deciding factor against very weak opposition which will find it almost impossible to avoid relegation.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 6,126.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	2	1	35	15	15
APIA	7	3	1	27	6	17
South Sydney	7	2	3	30	15	16
Prague	6	4	1	26	11	16
Wests	6	4	2	32	13	14
St. George	4	3	3	16	17	11
SCU	3	5	3	15	23	11
Marconi	2	6	6	16	23	7
Pan Hellenic	3	1	7	13	25	7
Auburn	3	7	6	14	6	4
Canterbury	1	3	6	12	34	5
Ryde	1	11	10	39	—	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	7	4	2	25	14	18
South Sydney	7	4	2	29	12	14
Auburn	6	2	2	25	12	14
Wests	5	4	2	23	15	14
Hakoah	7	1	4	20	16	14
St. George	6	1	4	21	15	13
Ryde	4	2	5	15	26	10
Marconi	3	2	5	12	15	8
SCU	2	4	5	14	21	8
Pan Hellenic	2	2	7	8	24	6
Canterbury	1	2	5	15	31	4

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	7	4	1	26	11	10
Sutherland	8	1	2	27	14	17
Corinthians	6	2	3	33	17	14
Manly	5	2	4	18	14	12
Melita Eagles	4	3	4	20	11	11
Balgownie	4	3	4	21	20	11
Polonia	5	1	5	25	29	11
Bankstown	5	1	5	23	24	10
Artamon	4	3	4	16	21	9
Guildford	3	1	6	11	20	7
Concordia	2	1	8	18	33	5
NS-Inter	1	1	8	20	37	3

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	8	3	1	25	6	19
Sutherland	8	2	1	30	18	18
Balgownie	7	3	1	24	9	17
Manly	7	1	3	42	22	15
Granville	6	2	3	26	14	14
Guildford	5	1	4	23	18	11
Artamon	4	2	4	16	18	10
Polonia	3	3	5	24	28	9
Corinthians	2	1	8	12	24	5
Concordia	2	1	8	12	45	5
Melita Eagles	1	3	11	22	3	3
NS-Inter	2	8	6	27	2	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	10	1	1	32	6	21
Bankstown	9	1	1	40	6	19
Balgownie	7	1	3	21	9	15
Granville	6	1	3	17	19	13
Sutherland	4	3	4	13	17	11
Artamon	5	5	2	23	10	10
Melita Eagles	4	1	5	18	12	9
Guildford	3	2	5	14	17	8
NS-Inter	2	4	13	17	16	6
Corinthians	2	2	11	16	6	6
Polonia	3	8	20	33	6	6
Concordia	1	9	2	54	1	1

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'cliffa Scots	6	2	1	26	15	14
N. Districts	5	2	2	27	19	12
Campbelltown	6	4	1	17	14	12
W. Sutherland	4	3	3	23	22	11
Ennis City	4	3	3	21	19	10
Burnie City	4	3	3	16	12	9
R. Workers	4	1	5	24	21	9
Lane Cove	4	1	5	16	25	9
N. Bankstown	2	4	13	20	7	7
Belmore	3	1	5	13	20	7
Wentworth	3	1	5	17	23	7
Marrickville	2	3	5	19	26	7

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
G'ville Ravens	6	2	1	23	11	14
R'bery Rhodes	6	1	2	30	8	13
Warragul	6	1	2	19	11	12
R'side Rapid	5	2	1	35	13	12
Uni. NSW	5	2	1	28	5	10
Concord Park	3	4	10	12	6	6
Newtown	5	1	4	15	21	4
Yagooona	2	6	15	26	4	4
Kewpies	1	7	10	38	2	2
South Sydney	—	8	1	31	—	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	10	—	40	2	20	—
Queens Park	9	—	1	24	9	18
West Ryde	8	—	1	33	11	16
Blacktown	5	1	3	23	13	11
Bondi	5	1	3	28	23	10
Merouba	4	1	5	23	26	9
Nepean	4	1	5	18	22	9
Sydney Uni.	3	1	5	24	15	7
Dee Why	2	7	14	23	4	4
Auburn	2	7	10	26	4	4
P'field-Kiev	2	7	9	39	4	4
Lidcombe	1	8	1	48	2	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	7	1	3	34	9	16
W. St. George	7	1	2	22	11	15
A'cliffa RSL	7	1	3	40	17	14
Padstow Park	6	2	2	27	16	14
Macquarie Uni.	5	1	4	15	17	11
Thornleigh	5	1	3	20	24	11
Eastwood	4	2	3	21	18	10
Ku-ring-gai	3	2	5	19	12	8
Kogarah	3	1	5	19	23	8
Toongabbie	3	2	5	18	23	8
Greenacre	1	1	8	11	50	1
Liverpool	—	10	7	53	—	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S		
RESULTS		
FIRST DIVISION		
(Second and Third Grades)		
Prague v. SCU	2-2	2-1
Auburn v. Ryde	1-0	6-2
P. Hellenic v. Canterbury	3-1	0-2
Sh. Sydney v. APIA	1-3	4-0
St. George v. Marconi	3-1	2-1
West's v. Hakohu	3-3	2-2
SECOND DIVISION		
(All Grades)		
G'ville v. Concordia	1-0	2-0
S'land v. Guildford	4-0	1-0
A'mon v. Concordia	2-1	3-0
N'E-Inter v. Manly	1-4	0-4
B'town v. Melito	4-2	2-0
Balgownie v. Polona	1-2	2-1
G'ville v. Corinth	2-0	2-0

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Granville regain a one-point lead

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

In another round of topsy-turvy results Granville regained the competition lead with a 2-0 victory over their arch-promotion rivals Corinthians after also beating Concordia 1-0 in midweek.

The defeats of Melita Eagles by the youthful Bankstown United and Polonia's win over Balgownie at Balgownie Oval were big surprises.

Highlights of the eleventh round were:

Sutherland v. Guildford 4-0
Guildford fought well in the first half when they matched Sutherland stride for stride, but in the second half Sutherland took over completely.

Sutherland led only 1-0 at half-time, but in a 10 minute burst scored three goals that left the opposition standing.

George Brincat played a blinder for Guildford and Alan Piggott was outstanding in a joint big effort for the winners.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin, Smith (1), Piggott (2), Johnson, (Cacciola), MacKnight, Lavan, Woods (1).

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Reynolds, Pearce (Gazebegovic), Jack, Lowe, Morley, Hann, Schofield, Brincat, Woods (1).

Artarmon v. Concordia 2-1

Despite playing the better football, Artarmon had to overcome a half-time 1-0 deficit before beating Concordia by the narrowest of margins.

Frank Grant put Concordia in the lead 10 minutes from the start capitalising on a misunderstanding in the Artarmon defence.

Artarmon hit back with a goal by Ray Lowe 10 minutes in the second half and Barry Amor missed a penalty — the third miss for Artarmon this season — when he shot straight into Wupper's hands who punched the ball clear.

However, Ken Nacinovich scored the winner with three minutes to spare despite a great performance by Concordia keeper Wupper who made some fantastic saves.

Artarmon: Lamb, Amor, M. Nacinovich, Cole (Wilson), Quinn, MacGuinness, Lowe (1), Morgan, K. Nacinovich (1), Harding, Williams.

Concordia: Wupper, Domalsala, Uhl, Gassner, Erasmus, Baumgartner, Kappacher, Frassejovich, Grant (1), Doller, Sommer.

NS-Inter v. Manly 1-4

Three goals within four minutes midway through the second half gave Manly a comfortable victory.

Keddie scored the first goal in the first half, but just on half-time Inter were awarded a penalty which Spresian converted.

Manly found touch in the second half and within minutes Bobby Jones notched two goals and McGill scored the other to seal the result.

NS-Inter: Power, Torg, Gray, Giacometti, Mucilio, Randey, Spresian (1 pen), Poletto, Nimmo, Muir, Smith.

Manly: Gee, Russell, Riordan, Keddie (1), Hutchinson, McGill (1), Crawford, Hughes, Boden, Mallam, R. Jones (2).

Granville v. Corinthians 2-0

Sound pre-match tactics and an outstanding performance by goalkeeper Alan Maher gave Granville their most valuable points of the season.

Granville fielded their two new buys from Auburn, Ray Hawkins and Guilio De Sanli, and the latter celebrated his debut for his new club by scoring both goals.

Corinthians were the more constructive and had far greater possession but lacked punch up front.

De Santi scored Granville's first goal in the 26th minute and the second after the resumption with a high ball that Duncan Wilson helped into his own net.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Brown, Staunton, De Santi (2), Lee, Gippert, Hawkins, Miranda, O'Neill.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Smith, Barnett, Cilia, Johnson, Cairns (Cooper), Collins (Jagger), Peachey, Reynolds, McEnally.

Bankstown v. Melita Eagles 4-2

Bankstown were first to score but Melita equalised a minute later and went to the lead only minutes before Bankstown equalised and the teams were locked at 2-2 at half-time.

Bankstown, who had their centre-forward Pat Dellar sent off midway through the second half, still managed to score two more goals — one from a penalty.

Goal of the Week

Alan Piggott's first goal against Guildford — an angled shot from the right wing — that screeched past a narrow gap between goalkeeper and post.

For Bankstown, 16-year-old, mid-field player Steve O'Connor had a brilliant game.

Bankstown: Miller, Farrell, Sheldrick, Madden, Fitzpatrick, O'Connor, Price (1), White, Dellar (2), Prokarr (1 pen), Goose.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knapp, Hewlett, Edwards, D. MacAusland, McAlister (Duffy), Beattie, Hoare, McCallum (2), Hennessy, McDougall.

Balgownie v. Polonia 1-2

The unpredictable Polonia scored all three goals in their surprise victory over Balgownie.

Slawek Wozniczko scored in the 15th and 55th minutes to give Polonia a clear lead, but Tomaszewski, under pressure, scored an own goal midway through the second half.

It was a hard game throughout and Polonia should be grateful for a superb performance by goalkeeper Mick Mikolajczyk, who was celebrating his 21st birthday.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski (o.g.), Nowacki, Starek, Komodor, Skoric, Zunis, Minol, Szmidt, Wozniczko (2).

Granville v. Concordia 1-0

A goal by Martin Loftus 10 minutes after the start gave Granville the narrowest of victories in a deferred game that could have gone either way.

Clive Lee engineered the goal with a run on the right wing, crossing to the unmarked Loftus to head into the net.

After this goal Granville retreated into defence allowing Concordia to stay in the game right to the end.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Gippert, Staunton, Brown, Lee, Bruce, Schauman, O'Neill, Loftus (1).

Concordia: Wupper, Domalsala, Uhl, Gassner, Erasmus, Baumgartner, Kappacher, Frassejovich, Grant, Doller, Sommer.

THIS WEEK

The State Cup takes over this week with Granville playing Bankstown, Sutherland clashing with inter-suburban Queens Park and Corinthians drawn against Illawarra giant-killers Bellambi.

At Woonona a double-header will oppose Bulli Workers to Nowra and Balgownie to Hurstville Park and Manly play Melita Eagles and NS-Inter and Guildford will also clash.

LEADING SCORERS

M. CAIRNS (Corinthians) 11
C. POTTER (Corinthians) 11
J. CACCIOLA (Sutherland) 9
S. WOZNICZKO (Polonia) 8
P. DELLAR (Bankstown) 8
J. LAVAN (Sutherland) 7
G. SOMMER (Concordia) 7
G. WOODS (Sutherland) 7
R. JONES (Manly) 7

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Skipper Mike Keen steered the FA tourists to a 3-1 win against Victoria in front of 15,000 spectators at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Garland netted after only five minutes and Keen scored in the 20th and 57th minutes.

John Wallace scored for Victoria in the 46th minute.

Keen was the best player on the field, but Hindley, Stephenson, Chilton and Garland also played well.

Best for Victoria were Juhasz, Bleskany, Lopatic and Wallace.

After a week's enforced rest after last Sunday's match against the English FA side, State League soccer looms near the halfway mark with the 10th round coming up this weekend. Fixtures are:

Saturday: Croatia v. Box Hill (Olympic Park), George Cross v. Hakoah (Schintler Reserve), SM-Hellas v. Wilhelmina (Middle Park).

Sunday: Polonia v. Alexander (Maribyrnong), Juventus v. JUST (Olympic Park), Lions v. Melbourne (Montgomery Park).

Two Melbourne-HSC players, both of whom have had considerable first team experience may move to First Division sides. Norm Davie, a scoring forward who played many first team games until he broke his leg last season and is now fit again, may join Sunshine City, while Charles Kelly, whose first team appearances were limited to a few outings, may link up with Dandenong. Not long ago, another former first team pair of Melbourne — Paul Deeming and Jim McIntyre transferred to Sunshine City.

Brian Healy, the former Juventus fullback who joined Altona City at the start of this season, recently married in Melbourne and is now in the UK on a six-week honeymoon with his bride.

Tommy Robertson, the former Hakoah, Alexander, George Cross and Lions player, who was once a first team regular with Glasgow Rangers, is now with Sunshine City.

Well-informed reports suggest that David Pygall, of Wilhelmina, who has been in dispute with the club for several weeks and threatened not to play for the club again, may resolve his differences and be back in the Ringwood side by the time this goes to print. Pygall is a sales representative with the Wilhelmina president John Van Hoboken.

Barry Sansom, the former Hakoah forward who with Dennis Panther moved to Lions at the start of this season in an exchange deal involving Hugh Murray, expects to move to New Zealand shortly. Sansom, who works with a company of manufacturing jewellers, is being transferred in his employment and hopes that Lions will agree to his release to play in Auckland.

At the end of the seventh State League round, Ibro Hadiavide, the Croatia winger, was leading the "Bill Fleming Player Award" with 17 votes to his credit. In second place, one vote behind, was his team-mate Jim MacKay, the Victorian and Australian player. But, looming up as a big danger is JUST's scoring winger — Slobodan Zoraja — on 15 votes. Zoraja leads the State League scorers with nine goals from eight games.

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

WARRINGAH SAINTS GO MARCHING UP THE TABLE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Warringah continued their march up the First Division table with a 2-1 win over Yagoona at Dee Why Oval.

Warringah worked well two goals, and the others came from Bruce West and their new Welsh player Brian Jones.

Mike Horrigan scored Queens Park's goal with a rocketing header that passed through the Rovers' goalkeeper's hands.

Fairfield-Kiev showed the benefit of extra training sessions, and netted three goals after Nepean had led 2-0 at the interval in the match at Knights Park.

With John Entwistle, Andy Tulloch and Graham Robertson out, Chelsea did well to down the capable Sydney University team 1-0.

Chelsea and Queens Park clash in an important match at Moore Park next Monday.

Kogarah went within a touch of a great cup when they held Greenwich to 2-2 before slumping right at the end.

It took a 100% effort from Greenwich captain Graham Howard to inspire his team to a win.

He scored the first goal, and the others came from Dave Calphy and Fred Handley.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Inter-suburban)

FIRST DIVISION

Rosebery v. Kewpies 7-0 2-1

Warringah v. Yagoona 2-1 1-2

Ravens v. Newtown 4-2 2-1

Condell Park v. Riveride 0-4 1-4

SECOND DIVISION

Auburn v. Lidcombe 4-0 3-1

Ffield-Kiev v. Nepean 3-2 0-8

Chelsea v. Sydney Uni. 1-0 2-4

Dee Why v. Bondi 3-5 1-2

Blacktown v. Maroubra 2-2 3-0

Queens Park v. W. Ryde 1-4 0-6

THIRD DIVISION

Liverpool v. Thornleigh 1-3 1-2

Padstow v. Greenacre 6-0 1-2

Toongabbie v. Ku-ring-gai 2-0 1-6

Kogarah v. Greenwich 2-3 2-3

Eastwood v. Arncliffe RSL 1-5 3-2

Macquarie v. W. St. Geo. 0-3 1-1

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW:

Saturday: Riveride Rapid v. Uni. NSW

Sydney v. Rosebery Rhodes

Booralee Park v. Bondi v. Sydney Uni.

Waverley Oval 1; Nepean v. Blacktown

Jameson Park; West Ryde v. Fairfield-Kiev

Mejdoubank 3; Thornleigh v. Kogarah

Thornleigh Oval; Toongabbie v. Macquarie Uni.

Girraween Park.

Sunday: Newtown v. Yagoona

Gutter Westworth Park; Granville Kewpies v. Condell Park

Colahoun Park; Lidcombe v. Dee Why

Auburn Juniors v. Coral Sea Park; Chelsea v. Queens Park

Moore Park 13; Greenwich v. Ku-ring-gai

Gere Creek Reserve; Greenacre v. Liverpool City

Allum Park; Arncliffe RSL v. Padstow Park

Arncliffe Park; West St. George v. Eastwood Town

Oval.

Sydney Third Division

McCULLOCH LIFTS MARRICKVILLE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Marrickville gained a great 5-1 win over Wenty, and the team gave a deal of the credit to their non-playing coach, who is none other than George McCulloch, the Pan Hellenic captain.

McCulloch's sons play for Marrickville juniors, and he drifted in to help the Inter-Suburban teams.

After suffering five straight losses, Marrickville have gained seven points from two wins and three draws since McCulloch arrived.

Last Saturday Wenty were well in the event to the 60-minute mark, after which two quick goals took Marrickville to a 3-1 lead.

For Marrickville outside-right Steve Ramsay scored two, and Ron Horan raced his opposing centre-half for 25 yards, drew the keeper, and slammed in a left-foot shot.

Bob Kelly had a superb game for the losers.

Arncliffe now top the table alone, as a rejuvenated Enmore swept to a clear 5-2 win over Northern Districts.

Enmore were always in control in defence, and converted the two penalties that came their way.

Tom Wilson helped Campbelltown to a 2-1 win over West Sutherland, one goal from a penalty and one from a rebound after Kees Pronk had hit the crossbar with a free-kick.

RESULTS

Wenty v. Marrickville 1-5 5-0

Banks C. v. Rozsaby W. 1-3 2-3

Belmore v. A'Fife Scots 3-1 1-0

Enmore v. Nth. Districts 5-2 0-4

N. Bankstown v. Lane C. 5-1 3-3

W. S'land v. Camp'town 1-2 0-3

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Lane Cove

Chill Park; Mackey Park; Revesby Workers v. Wenty

Bankstown v. Soccer Centre

North Bankstown v. Northern Districts

George Green.

Monday: Northern Districts v. Banks City

Englefield Stadium; Campbelltown v. Enmore

Campbelltown Showground; North Bankstown v. West Sutherland

George Green.

MELBOURNE HIGHLIGHTS

These were the minute-by-minute highlights of last Sunday's Australia v. FA international:

5 min.: Garland is clearly off-side but he is not pulled up. Luckily for Australia his shot sails over the bar.
9 min.: Goalie Grummitt dives at Alston's feet to cut off a dangerous cross by Blues.
13 min.: Reilly makes a great save off a point-blank range shot by Watson.
20 min.: Hindley scrambles the ball into corner after a solo run by Alston creates confusion in the FA goalmouth.
25 min.: Richards just a fraction too slow controlling the ball five metres from the goal and Grummitt dives at his feet to save a certain Australian goal. Richards, however, was definitely fouled by the 'keeper.
31 min.: Chilton centres, Garland lets the ball run and Watson, intercepting a Wilson fumble, almost tears the net with a fierce eight metre drive to score.
35 min.: A dazzling run by Abonyi only yields a corner when luck saves the beaten 'keeper. Alston kicks over the bar from the ensuing Blues corner.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Grummitt dives full-length to smother a low, long shot from Baartz.
4 min.: Telson flicks to Baartz, who shoots over the bar.
7 min.: Wild shot by Piper from clever Garland pass.
11 min.: Grummitt tested by 25-metre Baartz pile driver.
17 min.: Great reflex-save by Reilly off 5-metre Chilton shot.
21 min.: Another stupendous save by Reilly, off Watson this time.
25 min.: Abonyi shoots weakly from a chipped freekick by Curran.
37 min.: Chilton spreads-eagles the Aussie defence, but shoots wide.
38 min.: Baartz almost scores with 20-metre speculation which results in a corner. From the corner Alston misses an open goal.
41 min.: A very dangerous counter-attack breaks down when Garland skies the ball over the bar on one of the very rare occasions he managed to elude Australia's player of the match, George Keith.
43 min.: Referee Harrison turns a blind eye on a particularly punishing tackle by Hindley on Abonyi, who was almost in the clear.
44 min.: Baartz is through after 30-metre dash, but Telson steps over the ball in a promising position.

AUSTRALIA v. ENGLISH FA 0-1

FIGHTING SECOND HALF DISPLAY DESPITE LOSS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Rale Rasic's Australian players can hold their heads up high after last Sunday's return match against the touring Englishmen.

Whereas in the Sydney match Australia wilted and sunk without trace in the second half, at Melbourne's Olympic Park it was after the interval that Australia came into its own.

So much so that for the first time in my memory it had the Melbourne crowd barracking for them. The Victorian public in the second half behaved in true home-town fashion, even chanting "Aussies, Aussies", cheering our attacks and roundly booing the visitors as home crowds do all over the world.

The Victorian public's turn-about was the greatest tribute the national team could have asked for.

The Australians fully deserved all the kudos they received.

Showing the benefit of 10 days in camp and assimilating the lessons of the first match, they stretched the visitors from start to finish, so much so that several English defenders had to resort to very rough tactics to keep the Australians out.

Australia's brisk pace, much more open style of

play and excellent backing up matched that of the FA XI, and as a result the 15,000 spectators were treated to a real competitive match which held their interest from go to whoa as the result was in doubt right up to fulltime.



MAX TOLSON

Not one spectator left the ground until the final whistle because this Australian team was going all out for the equaliser.

In the last 25 minutes or so, instead of fading as in Sydney, the Aussies were moving, if anything, faster and their rapier-like thrusts in attack had the English defence in all sorts of bother.

Australia's judicious use of the long ball paved the way for their second half improvement as it was obvious that our attempts at a short-passing game were getting us nowhere against the speedy, hard-tackling Englishmen.

There is little doubt that the inclusion of Max Tolson at centre-forward in the second half contributed largely to the cracks which appeared in the visitors' defence.

Tolson's height and ability to "mix it" and give as much as he took compelled the tourists to have two men on him, allowing the other Australian forwards much more room to operate.

Baartz gratefully accepted this freedom of movement, and in the second half he abandoned his midfield role and three times got good shots in.

Australia's first half display was slightly better than in Sydney where they held their opponents, even though we conceded a 31st minute goal.

This was a heartbreaking goal which could have been avoided, but it didn't break the team's spirit.

FURIOUS PACE

It was Australia's fighting comeback which won the hearts of skeptical Victorians who were highly delighted, if surprised, to be treated to a fight to the finish which was anything but an "exhibition" match.

It was more like an English cup tie, played at a fast and furious pace, with no mercy asked or accorded on either side.

I rate this one of our best matches because this was the first time a local side was able to keep up with the tempo of a British team.

Australia played more skilful, attractive football against Greece and Israel on tour last year, but I have never seen them sustain such a killing pace right through 90 minutes before.

The English, naturally, held the edge in individual skills, enjoyed a territorial advantage and had more glaring chances, but Australia, too, had theirs, es-

pecially in the second half. There were practically no failures in the Australian side, only several first-class performers.

Jack Reilly was back at his best and silenced his critics.

Keith was again dominant and held Garland very quiet and Curran played his best game since the match against Luton Town last November.

SOLID

Peter Wilson was solid right through this time and the master in the air, while John Watkins, although not as imperial as in Sydney, was as safe under pressure and relieved many tight situations.

Rooney worked tirelessly and grafted cleverly in the midfield, and would come very close to taking out the award of Australian player of the match and Richards wasn't far behind, winning several man-to-man tackling duels.

Baartz had his best international match for some time and was seen at his attacking best after the interval.

Blues, I thought, was excellent in the first half and was unlucky to be replaced, although Tolson's inclusion was a master stroke by Rasic.

Abonyi fought and tackled hard while Alston was his usual industrious, probing self even if the ball never bounced kindly for him.

KEITH BEST

I ranked the top six Australian performers in the following order: Keith, Rooney, Wilson, Baartz, Curran and Richards.

The English, who had to dig deep into their resources to retain their 100 percent record, were competent as always, but theirs was essentially a team effort this time.

Victorian referee Geoff Harrison penalised the Australians harshly while turning a blind eye on some far more deliberate English fouls.

Australian: Reilly, Keith, Wilson, Watkins, Curran, Rooney, Richards, Baartz, Blues (replaced by Tolson second half), Alston, Abonyi.

English FA: Grummitt, Hindley, Wall, Koen, Stephenson, Eddy, Piper, Mills, Watson, Chilton, Garland.

Scorer: Watson 31 min.
Referee: G. Harrison (Vic.)
Crowd: 15,000.

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Hakoah1 (1)
Keddie 8 min.**Canterbury**1 (1)
Pocock 10 min.**South Sydney**3 (1)
Doyle 25 min., Harris 73 min., Sullivan 84 min.**P. Hellenic**B. Smith 51 min.
1 (0)

Haffey 4, Davey 3, Hillsdon 4, Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Gardiner 4, Rutherford 4, Yardley 3, Keddie 3, Fekete 3, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Fraser 4, Whitehead 3, Raeburn 3, J. Xipolitas 3, Kulak 4, Hardy 3, Blitz 4 (Thompson 2), Keri 4, Pocock 5, Scheinflug 3, Lowry 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Corry 4, Ashurst 3, Susa 4, Shepherd 4, Archibald 4, Doyle 5, Taylor 4, Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 4, McLean 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Match rating: * * * *

Clarke 4, Hanson 3, Hignett 4, B. Smith 5, H. Xipolitas 4, Wetton 3, Thorne 3, G. Manuel 3, McCulloch 3, Harding 3, Clarke 2 (Howard 2).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Canterbury, with four of their six 1971 gains in attack, were just able to hold Hakoah, minus Watkiss and Baartz. For that they can thank Ray Pocock, who scored the goal and gave a superb first half display of probing, hard running, passing, and heading. From the 40th to the 60th minutes it looked as if Hakoah was bound to go ahead. The Berries struggled out of trouble, and it didn't matter how hard Gardiner and Walsh worked, their forwards just didn't get the message. The crowd found the encounter most entertaining, even though the fare varied in quality. On the day's display Canterbury can hardly be a certainty for relegation — far from it in fact.

Crowd: 3,228.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMOUR

The match produced the thrills and excitement spectators want to see and the large crowd certainly got its money's worth. Souths, reinforced by Susa and Archibald in defence, played fast, attacking football right from the kick-off, and although Pan Hellenic tried hard, they were no match for their opponents on the day, especially in defence. Brian Smith, in the role of an attacking half was the only threat to Souths' defence. John Doyle and David Taylor, although well marked, were the architects of their victory. Their clever passing and switching of positions forced the Pan Hellenic defence to make many mistakes, particularly late in the game which resulted in the last two goals being scored.

Crowd: 5,650.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Postmortem**Gallant Berries**

Canterbury last Sunday gave due notice that they refuse to lie down and die.

Their confident, composed display against Champion-elect, Hakoah, was full of merit.

Commanded by Kulak, the Berries had little trouble in coping with the star-studded Hakoah attack.

In midfield Hardy stole the show with a mature, constructive performance.

There's no doubt that in Pocock Canterbury have gained a very talented, dangerous striker.

Blitz, once he becomes match-fit and Keri will also be successful acquisitions.

Hakoah were dreadfully disappointing.

Even allowing for the absence of Watkiss and Baartz, Hakoah were several goals below their best.

With an ounce of luck, Canterbury could have won the match even though they had much less of the ball.

And this is great compliment when one considers that their opponents were the unbeaten championship leaders.

— Paul Dean

N.S.W. FEDERATION FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY					NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	
Hakoah	12	9	3	—	33 9 21	6	4	2	—	20 6 10	6	5	1	—	13 3 11	Marconi
St. George	11	7	2	2	29 11 16	6	4	1	1	13 6 9	5	3	1	1	16 5 7	S. Coast
Wests	11	6	3	2	22 15 15	7	4	1	2	13 10 9	4	2	2	—	9 5 6	Ryde
Pan Hellenic	12	5	4	3	18 17 14	6	3	2	1	10 7 8	6	2	2	2	8 10 6	Prague*
APIA	11	5	3	3	15 15 13	5	1	2	2	4 9 4	6	4	1	1	11 6 9	Auburn*
South Coast	11	3	6	2	17 14 12	5	2	2	1	11 7 6	6	1	4	1	6 7 6	St. George*
South Sydney	12	4	3	5	17 22 11	7	3	—	4	12 18 6	5	1	3	1	5 4 5	Canterbury
Ryde	11	3	4	4	16 18 10	5	1	2	2	6 9 4	6	2	2	2	10 9 6	Wests*
Marconi	11	1	6	4	17 25 8	5	—	5	—	8 8 5	6	1	1	4	9 17 3	Hakoah*
Auburn	11	2	3	6	16 25 7	6	—	2	4	4 12 2	5	2	1	2	12 13 5	APIA
Canterbury*	12	1	3	8	9 28 5	5	—	1	4	2 13 1	7	1	2	4	7 15 3	S. Sydney*
Prague	11	2	—	9	12 22 4	5	2	—	3	7 6 4	6	—	—	6	5 16 0	Pan Hellenic

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FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	9	2	1	37	16	20
South Sydney	8	2	2	34	18	18
APIA	7	3	1	27	6	17
France	6	4	1	26	11	14
West	5	4	2	33	14	14
St. George	5	3	3	22	19	13
SCU	3	5	3	19	23	11
Marconi	3	3	1	14	23	7
Pan Hellenic	3	1	8	15	29	7
Auburn	3	1	7	6	14	6
Canterbury	1	3	8	15	42	5
Ryde	—	—	—	11	39	—

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Progne	9	—	—	25	14	18
South Sydney	8	—	—	43	12	16
Auburn	6	—	—	25	12	14
West	5	4	2	23	15	14
Hakoah	7	—	—	50	17	14
St. George	6	1	4	21	15	13
Ryde	4	2	5	12	15	8
Marconi	3	2	4	14	21	8
APIA	2	4	5	10	21	7
SCU	2	2	4	16	21	7
Canterbury	2	2	8	16	46	6
Pan Hellenic	2	2	8	8	28	6

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	9	1	—	28	11	20
Sutherland	9	1	—	41	15	19
Corinthians	7	3	—	38	12	16
Melita Eagles	7	1	4	24	20	15
Manly	5	3	4	18	14	13
Balgownie	4	3	5	22	21	14
Bankstown	4	1	6	23	24	11
Polonia	5	1	6	25	31	11
Guildford	4	1	6	16	20	9
Artarmon	3	3	5	16	24	9
Concordia	2	9	9	38	6	8
NS-Inter	1	1	10	12	43	3

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	9	2	1	36	13	20
Bankstown	8	3	3	38	9	19
Balgownie	8	1	7	27	11	19
Manly	8	1	3	45	22	17
Granville	6	2	3	26	14	14
Guildford	6	1	4	27	21	13
Artarmon	4	2	6	24	20	10
Polonia	3	3	5	24	28	9
Corinthians	3	1	8	16	25	7
Melita Eagles	2	1	9	12	32	5
Concordia	2	1	9	15	40	2
NS-Inter	—	—	—	2	10	8

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	10	1	1	43	8	21
Manly	10	1	1	31	9	21
Balgownie	7	4	2	31	10	15
Granville	7	1	3	18	15	15
Melita Eagles	6	1	5	22	12	13
Sutherland	5	3	4	16	17	13
Artarmon	4	2	5	18	18	10
Guildford	4	2	5	18	18	10
Corinthians	3	2	7	13	17	8
NS-Inter	2	3	7	11	31	7
Polonia	2	3	7	20	34	8
Concordia	—	—	—	1	10	5

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'clife Scots	7	3	1	30	17	17
Nth. Districts	7	2	3	34	21	16
Enmore	6	2	4	25	20	14
W. Sutherland	5	4	3	29	26	14
Campbelltown	4	1	5	17	13	15
Banks City	4	4	3	17	12	11
Belmore	5	1	6	19	23	12
Wentley	5	1	6	22	30	11
Revesby W.	4	1	7	20	28	9
Lane Cove	4	1	7	17	30	9
N. Bankstown	3	2	7	17	30	8
Marrickville	—	—	—	4	6	22

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	7	2	1	35	9	16
Riverdale	6	3	1	38	10	15
Gladsville R.	6	3	1	38	10	15
Warringah	6	2	2	20	12	14
Uni. NSW	5	1	3	19	8	11
Condell Park	5	—	—	41	15	11
Newtown	4	1	8	18	22	6
Yagoona	2	—	—	7	16	29
Kewpie	1	1	8	12	43	3
South Sydney	—	—	—	10	1	39

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	10	2	—	44	6	22
Queens Park	10	1	—	38	11	21
West Ryde	10	—	—	19	15	21
Bondi	6	1	5	23	22	12
Nespan	5	1	5	27	19	11
Blacktown	5	1	5	29	32	11
Maroubra	5	1	5	29	32	11
Sydney Uni.	3	2	7	22	26	7
Auburn	3	1	8	12	26	7
Dee Why	3	—	—	8	20	35
Fairfield-Kiev	2	1	8	14	45	5
Lidcombe	1	1	10	2	55	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	8	3	1	37	11	18
W. St. George	8	2	2	40	13	19
Arncliffe RSL	8	—	—	53	12	16
Padstow Park	7	2	3	20	14	9
Macquarie Uni.	7	1	3	29	15	15
Thornleigh	6	1	4	24	27	13
Eastwood	4	4	3	24	21	12
Kuringgai	3	3	6	20	14	9
Toongahvie	3	3	6	22	27	9
Kogarah	3	2	7	22	31	8
Greenacre	2	1	8	10	32	5
Liverpool	—	—	—	12	10	69

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Second and Third Grades)

S. Sydney v. P. Hellenic	4-2
Hakoah v. Canterbury	2-1

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)

Artarmon v. Condit	0-3
Concordia v. G'ford	0-5
NS-Inter v. Suther	1-4
Bankstown v. Manly	0-0
Balgownie v. Melita	1-2
Granville v. Polonia	2-0

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

EAGLES—MAGPIES TO DRAW CROWD

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville maintained its narrow one-point lead at the head of the competition table with a not too convincing 2-0 victory over Polonia.

Feature of last week's round was Guildford's 5-0 victory over Concordia — their best win this season.

Brief reports of all matches:

Granville v. Polonia 2-0

More than 1,000 people watched Granville beat Polonia 2-0, although Polonia played the more polished football.

The Magpies started well and for the first 20 minutes they took Polonia by surprise, in which period winger Clive Lee netted for a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Granville goalie Alan Maher deflected a penalty before O'Neill clinched the match for the locals.

Granville: Maher; Creilly, Biglands; Brown, Staunton, Di Santis; Lee (1), Gippert, Vrolyks (Hawkins), Williams, O'Neill (1).

Polonia: Mikolajczyk; Mula, Tomaszewski; Nowacki, Starek, Komoder; Swoboda, Zunis (Chodkiewicz), Minol, Szmidt, Wozniczko.

NS-Inter v. Sutherland 1-4

Another superb goalkeeping performance by Inter's Tony Power saved his side from a much bigger defeat.

Sutherland, playing good football in the first half, raced to a four-goal lead by halftime, and they had the ball twice more in the net, but both "goals" were disallowed.

NS-Inter: Power; Foster, Tory; Giacometti, Mucillo, Randy; Spreian (1), Poletto, Valdimar, Smit, Nimac.

Sutherland: Hughes; Perry, Wykes; Bennett, De Bruin, Smith; Piggott, Lavan, MacKnight (1), Woods (1) (Johnson), Caciola (2).

Bankstown v. Manly 0-0

Although there was no score, both sides had their chances, but a draw was a fair result.

Bankstown dominated most of the first half and Manly the second.

Artarmon v. Corinthians 0-3

The first half was all Corinthians and Peachey, Johnson and McNally scored the three goals of the match against a nervous but promising goalkeeper, McKelchie.

With Corinthians "relaxing", Artarmon played more confidently in the second half.

Concordia v. Guildford 0-5

In an incredible reversal of form, Guildford, who had scored only 11 goals in so many matches, banged in five in the second half and only time saved Concordia from a bigger defeat.

Concordia only lasted the first half against the ball-chasing Guildford.

The second period saw a complete turn-about, and once Darryl Schofield

scored the first of his two goals in the 52nd minute, Guildford ran amok and Graham Hann had a feast, scoring a hat-trick — his first in Second Division football.

Concordia: Wupper; Domsala, Uhl; Gassner (Mula), Erasmus, Baumgartner; Kappacher, Franschjovik (Brandner), Grant, Sommer, Doller.

Guildford: Hoskins; Nelson, Reynolds (Garner); Pierce, Jack, Lowe; Morley, Hann (3), Schofield (2), Brincat, Woods.

Balgownie v. Melita Eagles 1-2

Peter Beattie scored the first goal for Melita and Ian MacDougall made it 2-0.

Melita held this lead until more than halfway into the second half when Errol Freeman went through half a dozen defenders to reduce the leadway with a beautiful goal.

MacDougall missed a sitter towards the end when Melita were right on top.

Balgownie: Holbrow; Hunter, McCulloch; McLean, Orphin, Hall; McGuckin, Edgely, Davis, Royall (Tolson), Freeman (1).

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski; Knaus, Hewlett; Cunningham, Edwards; Duffy; Beattie (1), Hennessy, McAusland, MacDougall (1), Azzopardi.

THIS WEEK

One of the biggest crowds in Second Division this season should turn out at Mona Park on Sunday to watch the clash between Melita Eagles and Granville.

Youth and experience is evenly balanced in both teams and the result is certain to depend on the mood of the day but Melita, with ground advantage, will start favorites in my book.

The match between Sutherland and Bankstown could also develop in another tinging match, with Sutherland tipped to keep both points at home.

In other matches, Corinthians should beat Concordia and Polonia defeat Artarmon.

NS-Inter can snatch a point from Guildford while Manly should account for Balgownie.

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14

Nespan v. Auburn	0-0
Chelsea v. Fairfield-Kiev	3-3
Queens Park v. Syd. Uni.	3-1
Lidcombe v. Bondi	0-5
Maroubra v. Dee Why	6-2
W. Ryde v. Bladown	3-2

THIRD DIVISION

Thornleigh v. Greenwich	1-4
A'clife RSL v. Liverpool	11-2
W. St. George v. Padstow	0-0
Greenacre v. Kogarah	4-2
Toongahvie v. Eastwood	1-2
Mac. Uni. v. Kuringgai	1-0

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Revesby v. Kewpie — Peel Park; Condell Park v. Warringah Saints — Soccer Centre; Bondi v. Maroubra — Waverley Oval; Sydney Uni. v. Lidcombe — St. Pauls Oval; Dee Why v. Nespan — Dee Why Oval; Fairfield-Kiev v. Queens Park — Knights Park; Greenwich v. Greenacre — Gore Creek Reserve; Kuringgai v. Thornleigh — Azzuith Oval; Padstow Park v. Toongahvie — Kelso 10.

Sunday: Newtown v. Riverside — Rapid — Outer Westworth Park; Uni. NSW v. South Sydney — D. Phillips Field; Auburn Juniors v. West Ryde — Progress Park; Blacktown v. Chelsea — Francis Park; Fairfield-Kiev v. Lidcombe — Knights Park; Kogarah v. Arncliffe RSL — Bexley Oval; Liverpool City v. West St. George — Jardine Park; Eastwood Town v. Macquarie University — Eastwood Oval (upper).

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League soccer reaches the halfway mark this weekend with a full complement of games for the 11th round. Fixtures and venues:

Saturday: JUST v. Polonia (Schintler Reserve), Alexander v. George Cross (Olympic Park), Hakoah v. Box Hill (Middle Park).

Sunday: Croatia v. SM Hellas (Olympic Park), Wilhelmina v. Lions (Jubilee Park), Melbourne v. Juventus (Middle Park).

Left-winger Rudi Muskee, who had arrived in Melbourne only 48 hours before he took the field for Wilhelmina in their Dockerty Cup match against Melbourne, showed he was wide awake by scoring both his side's goals in their surprise 2-1 win over Melbourne. Box Hill and Polonia have now played 240 minutes of soccer (two full 90 minute periods, plus 30 minutes of extra-time each match) and have still not settled their Cup issue. In the other Cup match last Saturday Juventus beat Croatia 2-1.

Tommy Carmichael, the former Melbourne and Auburn keeper, is back with the side he originally joined when he first came to Australia — Wilhelmina. But when with the Ringwood club originally, Carmichael was an outfield player and reverted to the last line in defence with his spell with Lions. Regular keeper Nick Van Edmond who played for Victoria against the FA is out of action with a hand injury.

Box Hill, who have put up a fair show this year on their return to the State League, are having a 400-seater stand with gymnasium and change-rooms underneath built by the Box Hill City Council. The project at Wembley Park should be ready in time for the start of the 1972 State League season.

Jim Barker, who has had an association with Ringwood City-Wilhelmina over the past few years, is now secretary-manager of Melbourne-HSC. His predecessor, Joe Szalay, is in Europe on a three-month vacation.

Lions, who scored their first goal in State League soccer this season after halftime in their tenth game and still remain pointless, have a new coach. He is Miroslaw Litwin, a former top keeper in Poland who had two years with Polonia in Melbourne as a player.

Victoria's under-16s, the current national title holders, have already completed the first phase of their training and coaching arrangements in readiness for their defence of the title in Canberra in October. After several trial games, coach Bill Curran has whittled down his numbers to 17 players who form a preliminary squad and as the weeks and months go past, he intends to stiffen the program in putting them through their paces.

Frankston City, who so far have not come up to expectations in the Metropolitan First Division, are determined to do much better in the second half of the season. Not long back they signed former Slavia, Hellas and Victorian defender David High, and more recently they secured another man for their rearguard in Duncan McKay, the former Glasgow Celtic, Scotland and Croatia player.

Sydney Third Division

SCOTS CONCEDE SURPRISE DRAW

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Arncliffe Scots, top of the League with a game in hand, were two goals up against lowly Marrickville with 20 minutes to go.

Marrickville came sweeping back, and Arncliffe were finally glad to settle for a draw.

Their scorers were Roy Stewart and Terry Nutley. Wentley started well for 15 minutes at Englefield Stadium, then Gary Oberman broke through for a goal against the run of play.

Norths went on to score six, with Oberman (2), Alan Dickerson (2), and Graham Simpson and Peter Stokes one apiece.

Alan Young got a penalty for Wentley after Bobby Vincent was brought down.

Norths won the game on the wings, with Derek Vickers and Alan Dickerson playing well.

RESULTS
Wentley v. Arncliffe Scots 2-2
Revesby v. Belmore 1-4
C'belltown v. Banks City 0-0
Nth. Districts v. Wentley 6-1
Nth. Districts v. Enmore 1-3
W. Slane v. Lane Cove 3-0

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Revesby Workers — Cahill Park; Lane Cove v. Marrickville — Pottery Green; Wentley v. Campbelltown — Jones Park.
Sunday: Belmore v. Northern Districts — Rudd Park; Banks City v. North Bankstown — Soccer Centre; Enmore v. West Sutherland — Mackay Park.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Ryde

0 (0)

WESTS

0 (0)

Canterbury

1 (1)

L. Scheinflug 14 min.

South Sydney

2 (0)

M. Harris 67 and 83 mins.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

Auburn

2 (0)

J. Stewart 65 min., J. Simpson 79 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

Harding 80 min.

Prague

2 (0)

P. Walsh 73 and 88 mins.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

Tuckerman 70 min.

St. George

6 (3)

Ainslie 1 min., Herron 19 min., Denton 40, 56 and 85 mins., Alston 72 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (1)

Keddie 4 min., Baartz 81 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Cajkusic 3, Trkulja 3, I. Rudic 5, Nacinovic 4, Waters 4, F. Rudic 3, (Bakaric 3), J. Alagich 3, Brajkovic 4, Edwards 3, Takac 3, M. Alagich 2.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 3, G. Smith 3, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Byles 2, Guildea 4, Turner 3, Spiekerman 3, Jack 2 (Thomas 72 min.).

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Fraser 4, Whitehead 4, Bamforth 3, Xipolitis 3, Kulak 4, Hardy 4, Blitz 3, Keri 3, Pocock 3 (Mullen 55 min.), Scheinflug 4, Lowry 2 (Thompson 2).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 4, Ashurst 4, Susa 3, Shepherd 3, Archibald 4, Doyle 5, Taylor 3, Wright 3, M. Harris 4, Sullivan 3, McLean 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Kiss.

McQuire (Iro 27 min., 3), Keith 4, Ackerley 5, McKinnon 3, Russell 4, McGillivray 3, Blues 3, Tristram 3 (Forster 3), Pollard 3, Butler 4, Burnett 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * * *

Taylor 5, Selfridge 3, Stewart 4, Malone 4, Brady 4, Hucker 4, Simpson 4, Strachan 3, Sidey 3, Schneider 3, McDonald 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Maglis (sent off 89 min.), Parkin (sent off 81 min.), Hignett 4, Barboutis 3 (Hanson 60 min.), H. Xipolitis 3, Wetton 3, Thorne 4, B. Smith 3, G. Manuel 4, Harding 4, Howard 3 (Clarke 3).

TOTAL: 31.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * * *

Bracklow 5, Harcombe 3, Weir 4, Zeman 3, McLoughlin 3, Rootsey 3, Ridley 3, Cronk 3 (Reilly 72 min.), Walsh 5, Rooney 4, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Ramage 3, Gleeson 2, Cuthbert 3, Walker 4, Wilson 3, Galbraith 2, Dunlop 3, Tuckerman 3, Tolson 4, Harvey 2, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * * *

Reilly 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 4, Williams 4, Ainslie 4, Hamilton 4, Abonyi 5, Herron 4 (Hogg 60 min.), Alston 5, Denton 5.

TOTAL: 46.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Rorke 4, Robertson 2, B. Jones 3, Moschen 4, Taylor 3, Richards 4, Doyanovits (sent off 62 min.), Campbell 4, Cudek 2 (Griffiths 2), Burns 2, Santoro 3 (Giacometti 52 min.).

TOTAL: 31.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * *

Haffey 4, Fekete 4, Hillsdon 3, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Gardiner 3, Rutherford 4, Yardley 3, Keddie 4, Baartz 5, Silva 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: C. Fleming.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Ryde should have won this match in a canter, putting the issue well beyond doubt in the first half when they had enough chances to run to a very big lead. After the interval Wests snapped out of their frozen trance and fought, more or less, on level terms. However, Ryde always had more control, style and purpose against their stronger, but disjointed opponents. Some bewildering refereeing decisions tested the nerves of many players and at one stage it looked possible that this docile affair might even get out of hand. That prospect and a hot thermos were the only incentives for the small band of fans to stick it out to the end.

Referee: A. Farnone.

Crowd: 900.

— PAUL DEAN

The Berries contributed greatly to their own undoing by switching tactics in the second half when they tried to defend their slender 1-0 lead. In the first half Canterbury were able to contain the South attack with fast attacking football that left South Sydney bewildered. With Hardy, Kulak and Scheinflug in the best of moods, Canterbury combined so effectively that South Sydney never even looked dangerous. Then, in an obvious change of tactics, Ray Pocock was replaced in the middle and Souths were allowed to come back into the game. John Doyle, in the role of attacking winghalf, masterminded most of Souths' attacks and his accurate passes down the middle tore the Canterbury defence apart in the second half.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 2,053.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Time was running out for APIA as they failed to score in the first half, when they had the wind and the sun behind them. It took 62 minutes for Auburn to wrest the initiative from their opponents, but from then on they were in for every ball, and fortune favored the brave. Jim Stewart clasped his hands over his woolly head when he drove in a free-kick from 35 metres out, and John Simpson pivoted onto a high ball and thumped it into the net for Auburn's goals. Auburn can thank Brian Taylor, Frank Brady and Les Hucker for the manner in which they held APIA when the pressure was on. Stan Ackerley and George Keith played so well that it was hard to credit that they could be on a losing side.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 1,703.

— KEITH GILMOUR

An action-packed match which may well have saved Prague from relegation. Hellenic's defeat was, however, largely self-inflicted as they had the lion's share of the ball in the second half, only to squander chance after chance or to be thwarted by young goalie Blacklow, who played another "blinder". Prague were full of fight, and relished the return of Armytage on the wing. Hero of the Prague camp was burly striker Peter Walsh. Apart from scoring the two goals, he was always a thorn in the side of the unusually shaky Hellenic defence. Pan Hellenic had lost the initiative well before the expulsion of Maglis and Parkin. In fact, they could have forfeited the points the moment McCulloch was dropped for "disciplinary reasons".

Referee: F. Sbisa.

Crowd: 4,592.

— MIKE RENWICK

This was a clear case of a superior forward-line coming up against an inadequate defence and the eagerly anticipated clash between Peter Wilson and Saints' Alston and Denton was never on because it was always one-way traffic in the visitors' favor. It took St. George just one minute to steer the ball past Ramage and from then on every time the ball came into the 16-metre box it spelt danger for United because every St. George forward was willing to have a go. The halftime score of 3-0 flattered the provincials. There was no change after the interval as Saints kept pouring on the pressure. They completely swamped their opponents, beating them in every department. Apart from Walker and Tolson, every South Coast player had his reputation dented and came off second best against the highly polished Sydneysiders, whose display was their best-ever at Woonona.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 6,036.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

The omission of Col Curran in the Marconi defence opened a decided gap in the back line, and only sheer luck saved them from a bigger defeat. Ray Baartz and John Watkiss drove Hakoah like a precision machine throughout the game, but somehow, the forwards were inches off their mark. Twice Dave Keddie and three times George Yardley hit the woodwork and on several occasions the ball just screamed the posts or the crossbar in a one-sided match. The game was marred by too much hard-tackling and body contact and referee Peter Rampley had a long list of cautions besides sending off Doyanovits in the 62nd minute. As a unit, Hakoah worked with cohesion, but Baartz really stood out with his accurate and clever passing which put untold pressure on the Marconi defence.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 3,500.

— CHARLES SPITERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	9	2	2	37	17	20
South Sydney	9	2	2	35	18	20
APIA	8	3	1	29	6	19
Prague	7	4	1	28	12	18
Wests	6	3	2	34	13	16
St. George	6	3	3	23	19	15
SCU	3	5	4	19	24	11
Marconi	4	1	6	15	23	9
Pan Hellenic	2	1	9	16	24	7
Auburn	3	8	6	16	6	6
Canterbury	1	3	9	15	43	5
Ryde			12	10	41	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	10	2	2	28	16	20
South Sydney	9	—	4	38	12	18
Auburn	7	2	2	27	12	16
Wests	6	4	2	24	15	16
Hakoah	8	2	1	21	17	16
St. George	7	1	4	23	15	15
Ryde	4	2	6	15	27	10
Marconi	3	2	6	12	16	8
APIA	2	4	6	14	23	8
SCU	2	3	6	14	23	7
Canterbury	2	2	9	16	36	6
Pan Hellenic	2	2	9	10	31	6

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	10	1	2	43	15	21
Granville	8	5	—	29	19	21
Corinthians	8	2	3	43	18	18
Melita Eagles	8	2	5	21	16	16
Manly	5	3	5	20	17	13
Balgownie	5	3	5	25	24	13
Polonia	6	1	6	31	32	13
Guilford	5	2	2	21	22	12
Bankstown	5	1	7	23	26	11
Artarmon	3	4	6	20	32	10
Concordia	2	1	10	19	45	5
NS-Inter	1	1	11	12	46	3

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	9	3	1	27	10	21
Balgownie	8	4	1	29	13	20
Sutherland	9	2	2	37	15	20
Manly	8	2	4	24	18	18
Guilford	8	1	4	32	24	17
Granville	6	3	3	28	16	15
Artarmon	5	2	6	22	25	12
Polonia	3	3	6	26	21	9
Corinthians	3	1	7	17	29	7
Concordia	3	1	9	18	51	7
Melita Eagles	2	2	9	19	34	6
NS-Inter	2	1	11	10	40	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	11	2	—	38	10	22
Bankstown	10	2	1	45	9	22
Granville	8	1	3	31	20	17
Balgownie	7	2	3	23	15	15
Melita Eagles	6	1	6	23	13	13
Artarmon	6	1	6	28	23	13
Sutherland	5	3	5	16	19	13
Guilford	5	2	6	23	21	12
Corinthians	3	2	7	17	29	10
Polonia	3	1	9	21	35	7
NS-Inter	2	3	8	11	34	7
Concordia	—	1	11	3	62	1

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arncliffe Scots	7	2	1	31	17	17
Nth. Districts	7	2	4	34	21	16
Enmore	7	2	4	26	20	16
Campbelltown	7	1	5	20	17	15
Banks City	5	4	3	21	14	14
W. Sutherland	6	2	4	27	14	14
Belmore	6	1	6	21	23	13
Revesby W.	5	1	7	28	29	11
Wentby	5	1	7	24	33	11
Lane Cove	4	2	7	20	33	10
Marrickville	2	5	6	25	39	9
N. Bankstown	3	2	8	23	31	8

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
G'ville Ravens	7	3	1	29	13	17
Rosebery R.	7	2	1	35	9	16
Warringah	7	2	2	28	12	16
R'side Rapid	6	2	2	49	18	15
Uni. NSW	6	1	3	32	8	13
Condell Park	5	—	5	18	21	10
Newtown	4	4	2	22	23	8
Yagoona	2	7	16	25	74	24
Kowpines	1	1	9	13	48	3
South Sydney	—	—	11	1	42	—

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	11	—	4	46	7	24
Queens Park	11	—	4	42	15	23
West Ryde	11	—	1	42	15	22
Bondi	6	2	5	36	26	14
Nepean	5	3	5	23	25	13
Maroubra	5	2	6	30	33	12
Blacktown	5	1	6	28	21	11
Sydney Uni.	4	2	6	37	20	10
Dee. Whym	3	1	8	22	32	7
Fairfield-Kiev	3	1	9	23	50	7
Auburn	3	1	9	12	29	7
Lidcombe	1	—	12	3	72	2

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	9	3	1	41	17	21
W. St. George	9	2	2	43	13	20
Arncliffe RSL	9	—	4	56	22	18
Padstow Park	8	2	3	32	25	18
Macquarie Uni.	7	2	3	31	25	16
Eastwood	4	5	3	26	23	13
Thornleigh	6	1	5	24	28	13
Ku-ring-gai	4	3	6	21	14	11
Toongabbie	3	3	7	22	29	9
Kogarah	2	3	8	22	34	8
Greenacre	2	1	9	21	56	5
Liverpool	—	—	13	10	72	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	
FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grades)	
APIA v. Auburn	2-0 0-2
Ryde v. Wests	0-2 0-0
Canterbury v. Souths	0-1 0-0
Pan Hellenic v. Prague	1-2 2-0
SCU v. St. George	0-1 0-2
Marconi v. Hakoah	1-0 0-0

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

The joint-leaders should win again

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Sutherland have wrested the lead from Granville on goal-average but the Magpies are still unbeaten after 13 rounds.

Corinthians have bridged the gap somewhat, but it still looks like a two-horse race for promotion.

Last weekend's match reports:

Corinthians v. Concordia 7-1

It was not until the second half that Corinthians ran riot to record their best result of the season.

In fact the score at halftime was only 2-1 and after McEnally put Corinthians in front in the 7th minute Concordia drew level in the 13th.

However, Corinthians opened up in the second half and with the ball bouncing kindly for them they romped home.

Artarmon v. Guildford 2-2

Although Artarmon played slightly the better football, a draw was perhaps a fair result for this deferred match.

Johnny Wood opened the score for Guildford, but John Cole equalised soon after and Jimmy Morgan put Artarmon ahead a short time later.

Melita Eagles v. Granville 1-1

Almost 1,000 people watched an entertaining game at Mona Park.

Melita stormed into attack in the opening minutes and within minutes hit the crossbar.

Granville, always slow starters, came back later in the half and winger Clive Lee snatched the lead when he scored from a pass by Mal O'Neill only for Beattie to equalise eight minutes later.

Granville: Maher; Crelly, Biglands; Brown, Staunton, Di Santi; Lee (1), Gippert, Krawiarz, (Schauhan), Hawkins, O'Neill.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski; Knaus, Hewlett; McAlister, Edwards, Duffy; Beattie (1), Cunningham, McCallum, (MacDougall), Hennessy, Azzopardi.

Sutherland v. Bankstown 2-0

Although Sutherland rushed Bankstown in the early minutes, they could not pierce their solid defence and there were very few shots at goal.

Sutherland snatched the lead when Paul Smith headed home a John Lavan freekick and three minutes from fulltime sealed the result with a goal by Joe Cacciola.

Polonia v. Artarmon 6-2

Feeling the pinch of two games in 24 hours and with three first graders injured, Artarmon were no match for the crafty Polonia.

Artarmon scored first through Jimmy Morgan, but Polonia scored four

goals in 14 minutes to lead 4-1 at halftime.

Polonia dominated the game completely through right-half Szmidi, who played a blinder.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski (Zunis); Szmidi (1), Starek (1), Komoder; Skorik, Chodkiewicz (1), Minol, Wozniczko (3), Swoboda.

Artarmon: Lamb; Amor, M. Nacinovic; Cole (Wilson), Quinn, MacGuinness; Lowe, Morgan (1), Woodward, Hardy (1). Windfield.

Guildford v. NS-Inter 3-0

After heating Inter 1-0 in the State Cup last Wednesday week, Guildford dominated this game in the first half where they scored all three goals.

Manly v. Balgownie 2-3

After their defeat a day earlier in the State Cup by Bellambi, Balgownie outfoxed Manly to score a surprise victory.

Manly played the better football, but finished poorly. Balgownie raced to a 2-0 lead at halftime and within minutes of the resumption went further ahead, and although Manly dominated the second half, they could only score in the final 10 minutes.

McGuckin (2) and Royal scored for Balgownie; Dunwell and Jones for Manly.

STATE CUP

In the State Cup matches played last week Second Division club Balgownie fell to Illawarra's Bellambi, Guildford accounted for NS-Inter and Manly eliminated the other Illawarra Association team Bulli Workers.

All three goals by Bellambi were scored in the second half by Anderson, Ronald and Banks, while Balgownie replied by Brian Edgeley.

Manly scored one goal in each half (Crawford and McGill) to subdue Bulli Workers, while Guildford needed a penalty three minutes from fulltime to beat the unlucky NS-Inter.

THIS WEEK

Two matches stand out this weekend — Balgownie v. Sutherland and Granville v. Manly — and we take the joint-leaders to win.

Polonia should account for Concordia, Corinthians comfortably down Guildford while Bankstown and Melita should be untroubled to take the points off NS-Inter and Artarmon.

Metropolitan Championship

Under-14	
Gladesville v. Nepean	1-0
Bankstown v. Granville	0-0
Sutherland v. Western Sub.	2-1
Canterbury v. St. George	2-0
Under-15	
Gladesville v. Nepean	8-0
Bankstown v. Granville	1-1
Sutherland v. Western Sub.	3-0
St. George v. Canterbury	6-0
Under-16	
Nepean v. Gladesville	2-0
Granville v. Bankstown	2-0
Western Sub. v. Sutherland	1-0
St. George v. Canterbury	2-1

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Round 12 of the State League program to be played off this weekend was originally scheduled for the following weekend, but has been brought forward due to the fact Victoria play the Welsh FA at Olympic Park on Sunday July 11. The fixtures for this weekend are:

Saturday: SM Hellas v. Lions (Middle Park), Croatia v. Hakoah (Olympic Park), Wilhelmnia v. Juventus (Jubilee Park).

Sunday: Alexander v. Box Hill (Olympic Park), JUST v. George Cross (Schintler Reserve), Polonia v. Melbourne (Maribynong Reserve).

The Rev. Dr. Leonard Small, OBE, a Chaplain to the Queen and at present in Melbourne as a distinguished guest preacher at the Scots Church, was a soccer player of some considerable talent in his younger days. Dr. Small played as an amateur in the Scottish Second Division and played for Scotland against England in 1929 — in goal.

Next Dockerty Cup matches are scheduled for Saturday, July 10, when Dandenong meet Hakoah and SM-Hellas play Keilor City in a double-header at Middle Park.

Box Hill, one of the oldest soccer clubs in Australia, celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1972. The "Hillmen" are planning to lay on something special to mark their half-century in soccer and may ask the ASF to send the national team to play them at Wembley Park, Box Hill, as the main attraction.

Ken Kontra, the Melbourne-HSC and Victorian State coach, recently fired a verbal blast at the all-NSW line-up which represented Australia and was beaten in their two international matches against the FA touring side. Kontra said he was disgusted that an Australian team should play in Melbourne without a Victorian player in its ranks and also claimed that the English team had told him that Victoria, although beaten 3-1 by the tourists, had provided the stiffest opposition of the tour. (In Sydney, Rale Rasic expressed indignation at Kontra's remarks this week. Said Rasic: "These are strange words coming from Ken Kontra as it was he, as Victorian State coach, who recommended in writing that only Jim Mackay, who pulled out injured, should be considered for the national team." — Editor).

Robin Hayward, the former Coventry City reserve player who joined George Cross about two years ago, but has spent most of the time since then on the sidelines through injury, has now completely recovered and is all set to make an early return to the first team. Two of Hayward's colleagues with Coventry City were Bob Dobbing, the Melbourne and Victorian defender, and Don Peachey, ex-South Coast and Pan Hellenic forward.

A recent signing by Melbourne-HSC is Les Ruzicka, a 27-year-old keeper who played with a Second Division side in Czechoslovakia.

Last week's results: George Cross 4 (Gardiner 2, Rogers, Walker) d. Alexander 1 (Xanthopoulos), Hakoah 3 (Clarey 2, Robertson) d. Box Hill 0, JUST 3 (Buljevic, Rujovic 2) d. Polonia 1 (Siwka), Melbourne 2 (Wallace, Palinkas) d. Juventus 1 (Di Marchi), Croatia 1 (McIntyre) v. Hellas 1 (Armstrong), Wilhelmnia 4 (Ollerton 4, Cockburn, Sykes) d. Lions 2 (Livingstone, Chudick).

— JIM COOK

Sydney Third Division

Enmore's hopes still climbing

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The return of George Kostarkis and the recent acquisition or return of four other players indicates that Enmore have at least as good a chance as anyone else to take out the title.

Enmore defeated West Sutherland 1-0 in a close, clean encounter at Mackey Park.

Kostarkis cut through West's defence regularly, but third back Stuart Merrick kept the scoring down. At the other end West was piling on the pressure, but their shots were all the nearest of misses.

Billy Seymour headed in Belmore's first goal against Northern Districts from a Brian Harris cross, and Harris netted the second from a ball pushed through by Fred Pearce.

Steve McMullen, Dennis Brooker and Gary Walkenden were best for winners Belmore.

Campbelltown just held out against Wenty for a 3-2 win.

Peter Quinn scored a hat-trick and Campbelltown

RESULTS

A'cife Scots v. Resbury 1-2 1-0
Lane Cove v. Marrickville 3-3 1-3
Wenty v. Campbelltown 2-3 3-2
Belmore v. Nth. Districts 2-0 1-1
Banks C. v. Nth. B'town 4-2 2-2
Enmore v. W. Sutherland 1-0 1-1

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Northern Districts v. Arncliffe Scots — Englefield Stadium; Resbury Workers v. Marrickville — Bankstown Soccer Centre; West Sutherland v. Banks City — Seymour Shaw Park; North Bankstown v. Wenty — George Green.

Sunday: Campbelltown v. Belmore — Campbelltown Showground; Enmore v. Lane Cove — Mackey Park.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

GLADESVILLE RAVENS HIT FIRST DIVISION LEAD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Gladesville Ravens went to the head of the First Division table with a 5-1 win over Granville Kewpies at Peel Park.

Bert Wilcox broke the drought with four good goals, and could have got more.

Eddie Fryar was back in Ravens' midfield, and added zest to the team.

With Gladesville well ahead, Kewpies only went through the motions from there on.

Chelsea downed Blacktown 2-1 in good conditions at Francis Park, but the match might have swung either way.

Hughie Tulloch was Chelsea's scorer.

John Garnett was very solid at winghalf, and Alan Smith showed his wares in his baptism as first team goalie.

IMPROVEMENT

Liverpool City played much better against West St. George than their point-less, bottom of the Third Division position would indicate.

They held West St. George scoreless at halftime, but then goals from David Affleck (2) and

Barry McGuigan sealed the issue.

West St. George centre-half Peter Hayes played his usual good game, and in fact he turned the tables at the time Liverpool City was pressing and might have got on top.

Goals by Fred Hanley (2), Dave Calphy and Ray Cutler put Greenwich three ahead of the improved Greenacre, who scored when Greenwich started to coast.

LAST WEEK

First Division
Ravens v. Kewpies 5-1 3-1
Condell Pk. v. Warringah 0-0 1-4
Newtown v. Riverside 4-1 6-1
Uni. NSW v. Sydney 3-0 8-1

Second Division
Bondi v. Maroubra 1-1 1-0
Sydney Uni. v. Lidcombe 10-0 5-1
Dee Why v. Nepean 2-2 0-3
F'field Kiev v. Queens Pk. 2-4 0-2
Auburn v. West Ryde 0-3 1-4
Blacktown v. Chelsea 1-2 1-2
F'field Kiev v. Lidcombe 7-1 4-4

Third Division
Greenwich v. Greenacre 4-1 4-0
Kuring-gai v. Thornleigh 1-0 3-0
Kogarah v. A'cife RSL 0-3 0-1
Liverpool v. W. St. Geo. 0-3 1-4
Eastwood v. Macqu. Uni. 2-2 4-1
Padstow Pk. v. T'gabbe 2-1 1-0

THIS WEEK

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW
Saturday: South Sydney v. Ravens — Booralee Park; Nepean v. Bondi — Jamieson Park; Maroubra v. Lidcombe — Coral Sea Park; Fairfield-Kiev v. Sydney Uni. — Knight's Park; Greenacre v. Thornleigh — Allum Park; Toongabbie v. Liverpool City — G'rrraween Park; Eastwood v. Kuring-gai — Lower Eastwood Oval.
Sunday: Kewpies v. Newtown — Colquhoun Park; Warringah v. Saints v. Uni. NSW — Dee Why Oval; Rosebery Rhodis v. Yagoona — Turruwall Park; West Ryde v. Dee Why — Meadowbank No. 3; Chelsea v. Auburn Juniors — Moore Park 13; Queens Park v. Blacktown — Queens Park No. 3; Arncliffe RSL v. Greenwich — Arncliffe Park; West St. George v. Kogarah — Bexley Oval; Macquarie Uni. v. Padstow Park — Macquarie University; Eastwood v. Thornleigh — Upper Eastwood Oval.

TIPSTERS' CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCHES

	Paul Dean	Lea Gautier	Keith Gilmour	Charles Spiteri	Frank Jordan	Most favored
Prague v. South Sydney	2	1	2	2	2	2
Wests v. South Coast	1	x	1	1	1	1
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic	x	2	1	2	x	2
St. George v. APIA	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hakoah v. Ryde	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marconi v. Canterbury	2	x	2	2	1	2
Concordia v. Polonia	2	2	2	2	2	2
Corinthians v. Guildford	1	1	1	1	1	1
Balgownie v. Sutherland	2	1	2	2	2	2
Bankstown v. NS-Inter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Manly	1	1	1	1	1	1
Artarmon v. Melita	2	2	2	2	2	2

How they tipped: P. Dean 80; C. Spiteri 79; Gilmour 78; L. Gautier 75; F. Jordan 75.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS TABLES

RESULTS & SCORERS

Prague

2 (0)
P. Walsh 48 and 65 mins.

South Sydney

6 (3)
Doyle 7 min., Sullivan 29, 40, 71, 85 and 88 mins.

WESTS

1 (0)
Turner 65 min.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

St. George

4 (3)
Alston 19 and 39 mins., Denton 30 min., Abonyi 46 min.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (1)
Keddie 12 min., Yardley 82 min.

Ryde

1 (0)
Waters 66 min.

Marconi

3 (2)
Giacometti 42 and 48 mins., Samuel 43 min.

Canterbury

3 (3)
Thompson 4 min., Blitz 7 min., Pocock 23 min.

Auburn

2 (1)
Simpson 33 min., Treacey 87 min.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Bracklow 3, Harcombe 3, Weir 3, Zeman 3, Blanco 3 (replaced McLaughlin 6 min.), Rootsey 3, Ridley 3, Butler 2, Walsh 4 (Parkhouse 73 min.), Rooney 4, Armytage 2.

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 3, Ashurst 3, Susa 4, Shepherd 3, Archibald 3, Doyle 5, Taylor 5, Wright 4, M. Harris 3, Sullivan 6, McLean 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Eaton 4, Van Blerk 4 (Hindmarsh 75 min.), Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, G. Smith 5, Thomas 3, Guildea 3, Turner 4, Blue 4, Jack 3 (Pont 65 min.).

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * *

Cummins 4, Gleeson 4, Cuthbert 4, Walker 3, Wilson 4, Galbraith 3, Dunlop 3, Stewart 3 (Tucker 61 min.), Tolson 4, Harvey 3, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Harris.

Reilly 3, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 3, Williams 5, Ainslie 4, Hamilton 4, Abonyi 4, Herron 3 (Hogg 4), Alston 4, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * *

Iro 2, Keith 3, Ackerley 3 (Bird 3), McGillivray 3, Russell 3, McKinnon 4, Kurta 3, Blues 4, Schiavo 3, Pollard 3, Butler 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Fuzes 4, Davey 3, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 5, Marnoch 4, Gardiner 4, Rutherford 4, Yardley 3, Barnes 2 (replaced Keddie 42 min.), Baartz 5, Silva 4.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Cajkusic 4, Dougan 3, Nacinovic 3, Waters 4, I. Rudie 5, Trkulja 5, J. Alagich 4, Brajkovic 4, Edwards 2, Takac 4, M. Alagich 2 (Rafanelli 3).

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Rorke 3, Giacometti 4 (replaced B. Jones 20 min.), Curran 4, Moschen 4, Taylor 3, Richards 4, Griffiths 3 (Santoro 85 min.), Robertson 3, Campbell 3, Burns 3, Samuel 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * * *

Demopoulos 3, Whitehead 3 (Salerno 3), Bamforth 4, J. Xipolitis 4, Kulak 3 (Montgomery 58 min.), Hardy 4, Blitz 3, Scheinflug 3, Pocock 4, Keri 3, Thompson 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3, Stewart 4, Malone 5, Brady 4, Hucker 4, Simpson 3 (Treacey 69 min.), Strachan 2, Sidey 2, Schneider 3, McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Maglis 4, Hanson 4, Hignett 3, Barboutis (sent off), H. Xipolitis 3, Wetton 3, Thorne 3, Manuel 2, Smith 3, Harding 2, Clarke 3.

TOTAL: 30.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Souths served notice they are hell-bent on again making the semifinals, and on this display they have every reason to feel confident. They played some highly effective, polished football which had class stamped all over it. Prague were not as outclassed as the score might indicate. Although on the defensive for most of the first half, they staged a great second half fightback and, with an ounce of luck, could have equalised at 3-3 instead of conceding the fourth goal which put Souths on top again. Sullivan's superb goalscoring feat was not the only high spot for the impressive South Sydney, who were also very well served by Doyle, Taylor, Wright and Susa. Prague, despite the score, showed some improvement on their pre-Baumgartner days.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 1,851.

— LOU GAUTIER

The foundation for Wests' win was laid by a non-stop effort by young Greg Smith, the guile of Archie Blue, and sound performances from Cliff van Blerk and Brian Turner. Neither side impressed up to halftime, and Max Tolson was distributing so well that he could have been the key to the match. Unfortunately for the Coast, few balls were served up to him after the resumption, and the Magpies at last decided to put on a spurt. Turner's goal was a fine solo effort, and followed on an inspired burst from Archie Blue. The Coast were still in the game after the goal, but their forwards failed to disorganise Wests' defence as they had in the first half. Ian Gleeson and Ean Cuthbert snuffed out many opposition attacks with their no-nonsense tackling, and Jim Cummins had a sound game.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 654.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Although never in any danger of defeat, Saints were not a four-goal better team on the day. A more competent goalkeeper than young Iro would probably have denied them at least two, if not three goals. A.P.I.A., oddly enough, were kayoed in the first half, when they enjoyed a fair share of the ball. In the second half when Saints exerted far greater pressure, A.P.I.A. only conceded one goal, and almost straight from the kick-off, at that. St. George have played better, but they still gave a stylish performance which suggests that their best form is fast returning. The lightweight A.P.I.A. forwards were too tender for a St. George defence again splendidly marshalled by Utjesenovic, and where Williams had one of his best games of the season.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 3,809.

— LOU GAUTIER

Hakoah were clearly the better team in the first half when Ryde's only real scoring chance was a 31st minute scorcher by Brajkovic. Ryde's forwards kept falling in Hakoah's clever off-side trap and it looked as though they would never come near Fuzes' goal. The second half saw a complete about-face. Ryde attacked straight from the kick-off and had the Hakoah defence tied in knots. After their deserved equaliser it was anybody's match until Yardley headed home a beautiful cross from Silva with only seven minutes to spare. The exciting, all-action second half more than made up for the one-sided first period.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 3,337.

— EINAR PERSEN

Canterbury, leading 3-0, had the game all sewn up until a bad mistake by goalie Demopoulos resulted in Marconi's first goal. After that, the Canterbury defence began to panic, allowing Marconi to score again a minute later. Marconi would have equalised before halftime when Griffiths scored only to have the goal disallowed on the ruling of a linesman who claimed the ball entered through the side of the net. Marconi attacked throughout the second half and would have gained both points but for some stout-hearted defence by Xipolitis, Hardy and Bamforth. Canterbury's collapse is inexplicable as they started like a house on fire and seemed set for a resounding victory.

Referee: A. Faraone.

Crowd: 2,500.

— BILL HENDERSON

Auburn, playing determined football, gave Pan Hellenic a soccer lesson. The score was hardly indicative of play and Hellenic can consider themselves lucky not to have lost by a cricket score. The impregnable trio of Malone, Brady and Hucker controlled midfield in such a way that Pan Hellenic was cut out of the game completely, and only some of the worst shooting seen at Mona Park saved them from a severe mauling. Without McCulloch in midfield and Brian Smith out of touch, Hellenic looked very ordinary and their cohesion and understanding of only a few weeks ago have gone overboard. Auburn missed at least six open goals, four of them at the start of the second half, but newcomer Andrew Treacey may change this in matches to come as he showed flashes of good football in the 20 minutes he was on the field.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 1,820.

— CHARLES SPITERI

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	10	2	2	43	17	22
South Sydney	10	2	2	39	19	22
APIA	8	4	1	30	7	20
Western Subs.	7	4	2	29	13	18
Prague	7	4	2	29	16	18
St. George	6	4	3	24	20	16
Marconi	5	1	6	18	23	12
SCU	3	5	5	19	29	11
Pan Hellenic	4	1	9	18	32	9
Auburn	3	—	9	7	18	6
Canterbury	1	3	10	15	46	5
Ryde	—	—	—	13	47	—

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	11	—	2	30	16	22
South Sydney	9	—	5	38	14	18
Auburn	8	2	2	20	12	18
Hakoah	9	2	7	24	9	17
St. George	8	1	—	27	17	17
Western Subs.	6	4	3	25	17	16
Marconi	4	2	6	16	16	10
Ryde	4	2	7	15	33	10
SCU	3	3	7	18	24	9
APIA	2	4	7	15	26	8
Canterbury	2	2	10	16	40	6
Pan Hellenic	2	2	10	10	34	6

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	9	5	—	32	13	23
Sutherland	10	1	3	43	19	21
Corinthians	9	2	5	30	21	20
Melita Eagles	8	2	4	27	21	19
Balgownie	6	3	5	29	24	15
Polonia	7	1	6	37	32	15
Manly	5	3	6	21	20	13
Guildford	5	3	5	24	22	12
Bankstown	5	1	8	24	28	11
Artarmon	4	3	7	20	34	10
Concordia	2	1	11	19	51	5
NS-Inter	2	1	11	14	47	2

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	10	3	1	30	11	23
Balgownie	9	4	1	31	14	22
Sutherland	9	2	3	38	17	20
Manly	9	2	5	30	24	20
Guildford	8	1	5	32	28	17
Granville	6	3	4	28	19	15
Artarmon	5	3	6	23	26	13
Polonia	4	2	7	18	28	11
Corinthians	4	1	9	21	29	9
Melita Eagles	3	3	9	20	35	7
Concordia	2	3	10	19	53	7
NS-Inter	2	1	12	11	43	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	11	3	—	38	10	25
Bankstown	11	2	1	50	9	24
Granville	8	2	3	21	20	18
Balgownie	7	5	5	24	14	17
Artarmon	7	1	6	31	21	15
Melita Eagles	6	1	7	23	18	13
Sutherland	5	3	6	17	21	13
Guildford	5	2	7	23	22	12
Corinthians	4	2	7	17	12	12
Polonia	4	1	9	25	35	9
NS-Inter	2	3	9	11	39	7
Concordia	—	1	12	3	66	1

THIRD DIVISION

(All Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Northern Districts	8	4	4	36	23	18
A'fifa Scots	7	3	3	31	21	17
Enmore	7	3	4	28	22	17
Banks City	6	4	3	25	16	16
Campbelltown	7	2	5	20	17	16
W. Sutherland	6	5	5	31	14	14
Belmore	6	2	6	21	23	14
Wentworth	5	2	7	25	34	12
Revels W.	5	1	8	28	30	11
Marrickville	3	6	7	27	33	11
Lane Cove	4	3	7	22	35	11
Nth. Bankstown	3	3	8	24	32	9

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
G'ville Ravens	8	3	1	40	16	19
R'bery Rhodes	8	2	1	40	10	18
Warrangah	8	2	30	12	18	
R'side Rapid	6	3	2	49	18	15
Uni. NSW	6	1	4	22	10	13
Condell Park	5	—	5	18	21	10
Newtown	4	—	5	22	24	8
Kewpies	2	1	9	14	48	5
Yagoona	2	—	8	17	34	4
South Sydney	—	—	—	12	2	47

SECOND DIVISION						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	11	3	—	47	8	25
Queens Park	12	1	—	45	13	25
West Ryde	12	—	1	49	16	24
Nepean	6	3	5	27	26	15
Bondi	6	2	6	37	30	14
Maroubra	6	2	6	36	34	14
Sydney Uni.	5	2	6	41	21	12
Blacktown	5	1	7	28	24	11
Auburn	3	2	9	13	30	8
Dee Why	3	1	9	23	39	7
Ffield-Kiev	3	1	10	24	54	7
Lidcombe	1	—	13	13	48	2

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	10	3	1	42	12	23
W. St. George	9	2	1	45	15	21
Padstow Park	9	2	3	36	28	20
Arncliffe RSL	9	—	5	56	23	18
Eastwood	6	5	3	30	24	17
Macquarie Uni.	7	2	4	24	25	16
Thornleigh	7	1	6	26	30	15
Ku-ring-gai	4	3	7	22	17	11
Toongabbie	4	3	7	26	29	11
Kogarah	3	3	8	24	36	9
Greenside	3	1	10	22	58	5
Liverpool	—	—	—	14	10	76

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grades)	W	D	L
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THE TERRITORY IS KEEN TO ENTER OCEANIA CUP

— From JOHN HOLLAND in Boroko —

The 1971 South Pacific Games are scheduled to be staged in Papeete, Tahiti, early in September.

Seven Island territories have nominated soccer teams and the 1969 champion, New Caledonia, are again firm favorites to take out the gold medal.

The teams competing are: New Caledonia, Fiji, Territory of Papua-New Guinea, French Polynesia, (Tahiti) New Hebrides, Tonga and the Cook Islands.

In the 1969 Games staged in Port Moresby New Caledonia beat French Polynesia in the final to take the gold medal and TPNG finished third.

Here in TPNG officials are being swamped by a revival of interest in the code following a couple of years of stagnation.

In Port Moresby alone, the number of senior players taking part in organised competitions almost doubled this year.

This increased interest is also being experienced in other centres within the Territory.

Lack of suitable grounds and a shortage of experienced officials forced the local association to restrict the pre-season competition to 75 teams.

Almost 20 more teams were unable to be accommodated and had to be turned away.

BALLYHOO

The main reason for this increase in players wishing to play the game has been caused by the indigenous sportsman's disappointment in Rugby League and Australian Rules.

A few years ago the "Rules" and "Rugby" ballyhoo artists hit the Territory and with the local press pushing both games and almost ignoring soccer, these codes soon attracted some following.

However Rugby League's five-team "A" Grade competition (yes, they call it a competition!) is almost completely composed of imported second and third rate players from Northern NSW and Queensland, and only a handful of locals are now playing.

Australian Rules has more teams and thus more indigenous players than League clubs, but they, too, are more prone to importations from the "Southern States".

Both of these codes are organised around licensed club premises and the local players who do make the teams rarely find themselves welcome in the subsequent social activities.

Rugby Union, like soccer, has only a few expatriates, but it, too, is losing ground due to the failure of local

players to discipline themselves to the extreme body contact and vicious rucking.

The Lac competition was disbanded last year following a series of weekly brawls and in Port Moresby this season several clubs have been placed on bonds for consistent fighting.

Soccer in the Territory has an almost 100 per cent local content and the indigenous player therefore associates himself more readily with the game.

In the Port Moresby First Division competition there are only three expatriate players in the 10 top clubs.

The most pressing problem facing Territory officials at present is the raising of \$8,600 to enable

it to compete in Tahiti.

With admission charges set at 5c and 10c, the money certainly cannot be raised through gate takings. Raffles and donations are the only certain means of raising funds and almost every club has pitched in to assist the association by selling tickets.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Territory championships are being played in Lae this year and the Papuan side is favored to beat New Guinea and regain the title it lost last year.

A key member of the Papuan side is Tala Hobart, who played in Sydney with Manly and Marconi.

Teams from Papua, Goroka, Madang, New Guinea, Rabaul and Wewak are taking part in the 1971 championships.

The team to represent TPNG at Tahiti will be chosen after these games.

If the TPNG team cannot meet its financial obligation to get to Tahiti it is almost certain to make an approach to FIFA to be allowed to contest the Oceania Cup in Noumea later this year.

I had the pleasure of discussing this possibility with Sir William Walkley during his recent visit to Port Moresby and he led me to believe that acting Oceania president Vic Tutting would certainly support such a move.

"WARNING" FROM SOUTH AFRICA

— By PAUL DEAN —

We have deliberately refrained from entering the raging controversy about the Springboks' Australian tour.

Although we are firmly opposed to racism in or out of sport, we have felt that any comment we would make could be interpreted as "anti-Rugby".

However, this occasion seems ideal to show our readers how they think of Australia in South African soccer circles.

The following excerpts appeared in the Jan-Feb. issue of South African Soccer Monthly under the heading: "George Blues Makes Good, Travels the World."

First the writer (no signature) eulogises Blues, once the hero of Durban Spurs who, according to him, won "the best and fairest (sic) soccer player title in all Australia for 1970."

As most people will recall, Blues only won the Rothmans Award, one of the many available to Sydney players; there is no Australia-wide award at all.

Then the writer mentions Blues' selection in the Australian team that made a world tour in 1970.

He continues: "What a great tour. But friends, the day is not far distant when Australia will also have the screws put on her by FIFA, thanks to the Comites, the Afro-Asians and the sitters on the fence."

"You see, just now, the world will wake up to the fact that naive Australia won't even let a man of color, other than a few students and some "lighties" from Maritius (sic) settle there for good.

"You know, of course, that Australia has been crying out for immigrants. Begging for trained people to go and settle there.

"They won't take Indians, Coloreds, Kenyans, Zambians, Zulus, Pondos, Basutos, Swazis, etc. Oh, no. But they will lay down the red mat for foreigners from Europe.

"Oh, ye hypocrites. Oh ye, men of double standards. But wag 'n' bjetjie/ wait a bit, Australia and New Zealand, your turn is coming.

"Soon your turn to be boycotted in sport will come. Sooner than you think . . ."

RACIST

The racist writer failed to mention — or perhaps didn't know — that Australian teams are NOT selected on the basis of color or creed.

He conveniently overlooked the fact that one of George Blues' teammates on that 1970 tour was Harry Williams, a full Aborigine.

This is the crux of the matter: South African teams MUST be all-white.

Another point he overlooked was that in South Africa's premier league, only whites are allowed to play.

Sydney teams, over the years, have fielded Aborigines, Chinese, Malays, New Caledonians and Papuans — all using the same facilities as their white team-mates.

This again, is against South Africa's apartheid laws.

In South Africa colored spectators are admitted only to a separate, fenced off area of the grounds, not to contaminate the whites.

Again, in Australia, anybody living in this country can go where he pleases. As for Australia's fading "White Australia" policy, it's not our task to defend it.

Let it suffice that Australia does admit a limited number of colored migrants each year — in 1970 this was about 5,000.

Once they are here, there is absolutely no discrimination against them.

It's true that Aborigines are still not getting a fair deal — but this fact is openly admitted by the Government, anxious to remedy the wrongs of 200 years.

Anybody is free to campaign for the rights of Aborigines, as many do; try to do the same for the Bantus in South Africa and you land in gaol.

One final point. Australia has never had any trouble with either FIFA or the International Olympic Committee over racial issues.

Our relations with the neighboring Asian countries have been good, and are getting even better.

Australia is proud to be a member of every major international sporting organisation while South Africa has been booted out from just about all.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Canterbury v. Prague — Arlington Oval
APIA v. Western Suburbs — Lambert Park
Auburn v. South Coast — Mona Park
Polonia v. Corinthians — North Sydney Oval
Manly v. Artarmon — Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Pan Hellenic v. St. George — Wentworth Park
South Sydney v. Auburn — Lambert Park
Ryde v. Marconi — Marks Field
South Coast v. Hakoah — Woonona Oval
Sutherland v. Granville — Seymour Shaw Park
NS-Inter v. Balgownie — Garside Park
Guildford v. Bankstown — Guildford Park
Melita Eagles v. Concordia — Mona Park

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY, JULY 16

STATE CUP

Manly v. Bellambi — Woonona Oval, 6.45 p.m.
South Coast v. APIA — Woonona Oval, 8.30 p.m.
Prague v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 6.45 p.m.
Ryde v. Marconi — Marks Field, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

STATE CUP

Canterbury v. South Sydney — Drummoyne Oval, 1 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Auburn — Drummoyne Oval, 2.45 p.m.
Hakoah v. Polonia — Marks Field, 1 p.m.
St. George v. Western Suburbs — Marks Field, 2.45 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Concordia v. Manly — Camperdown Oval
Corinthians v. Melita Eagles — SCG No. 2

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Western Suburbs v. Pan Hellenic — Drummoyne Oval
St. George v. South Sydney — Lambert Park
Auburn v. Prague — Mona Park
Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Marconi v. South Coast — Marconi Oval
Ryde v. Canterbury — Marks Field
Artarmon v. Sutherland — Acon Oval
Granville v. NS-Inter — Garside Park
Balgownie v. Bankstown — Balgownie Oval
Polonia v. Guildford — North Sydney Oval

WELSH PARTY IN MELBOURNE

Victoria will play the Welsh FA XI at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Sunday in the visitors' only match in Australia.

The 16 Welsh players are: Mike Walker (Wattford), Brian Lloyd (Southend), Phil Roberts (Bristol Rovers), Nigel Edwards (Chester), Ray Meilczarek (Rotherham), Gareth Davis (Wrexham), Frank Price (Bristol), Jeff Thomas (Newport), Cyril Davies (Charlton), Brian Evans (Swansea), Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham), Wayne Jones (Bristol), David Gwyther (Swansea), Colin Randell (Coventry), Geoff Thomas (Swansea) and Tony Screen (Swansea).

The Welsh started their world tour in Tahiti, where they were beaten 2-1, and they have played several matches in New Zealand.

The Welsh squad is composed mainly of their successful under-23 international team which, it is expected, will form the basis for their 1974 World Cup squad.

The tour officials are: Mr. L. Withers, Mr. I. C. Pursey, Mr. T. Morris (secretary of the Welsh FA), Dr. W. Hughes, Mr. D. L. Bowen, Mr. T. C. Medwin. Trainer-coach Terry Medwin is an ex-Welsh inter-

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Unbeaten Granville could skip away

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Sutherland were unceremoniously dumped from the lead with a 4-0 drubbing by Balgownie in a round which produced a shake-up on the table.

North Sydney-Inter sprung a surprise by beating the "in-form" Bankstown United 2-1.

Last week's match reports read:

Corinthians v. Guildford 7-3

A fine hat-trick by Bobby Johnstone and an excellent performance by Vic Reynolds kept Corinthians in the chase for promotion.



VIC REYNOLDS

Guildford never stopped trying and although 4-0 down at halftime fought every inch of the way in the second half.

Concordia v. Polonia 0-6

Polonia ran riot in the second half to score six goals without reply.

K. Szmidt, who dropped to halfback has lifted his game tremendously, got a stranglehold in the midfield and Concordia were never allowed to get back in the game.

He scored the only two goals scored in the first half, but had a hand in all the other four.

Concordia: Wupper, Sile, Erasmus, Taver, Uhl, Kappacher, Grant, Gassner, Dolier (Mula), Brandtner, Sommer.

Polonia: Miklajczyk, Nowacki (Zunis), Tomaszewski, Szmidt (2), Mula, Skoric, Chodkiewicz (1), Minol (1), Swoboda (2), Wozniak.

Granville v. Manly 3-1

Manly shook leaders Granville in the first 20 minutes with some forceful play and a lead of 1-0, but the Magpies regained their composure by the end of the first half to lead 2-1.

In the second half it was a different story and Granville always had Manly's measure.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Brown, Staunton, Di Santi, Lee (1), Gippert, Schauman, Williams, O'Neill (1).

Manly: Woods, Russell (1), Riordan, Ridding (o.g.), Hutchinson, McGill, Crawford, Hughes, Boden, Hay, Jones.

Balgownie v. Sutherland 4-0

Playing simple, direct and determined football, Balgownie thrashed a depleted Sutherland.

Nigel McGuckin had a feast, always popping up in the right spot at the right time to score all four goals.

Sutherland couldn't do anything right and Balgownie deserved to win by the margin they did.

Balgownie's youngsters, Richard Picc, Ross Patterson and Steve Royall, all of whom come from the Balgownie junior ranks, had great games.

Balgownie: Holbrow, Davis, Picc, McCulloch, Bradford, Edley, McGuckin (4), McLean, Royall, Patterson, Freeme.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, Watts (Sambrook), De Bruin, Piggott, Lavan, Smith, MacKnight, Caccioia (Johnson).

Artarmon v. Melita Eagles 0-2

Although faster on the tackle and combining with more cohesion, Melita Eagles had a tough time piercing the Artarmon defence in a game where defences ruled the roost.

After a scoreless first half, Melita were awarded a penalty which Dave McAusland converted. However, it created an incident in which Bobby Seaborn,

of Artarmon, was sent off by referee Frank Johns.

Ian MacDougall scored the other goal for the Eagles five minutes from time.

Artarmon: McCechnie, Amor, M. Nacinovich, McGuinness, Quinn, Woodard (Hardy), Lowe, Seaborn, K. Nacinovich, Morgan, Wingfield.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, McAusland (1), Edwards, Duffy, Beattie, MacDougall, MacCallum, Cunningham, Azzopardi.

Bankstown v. NS-Inter 1-2

Two goals late in the second half by Valdemar enabled Inter to score a shock victory.

The teams were locked at 0-0 draw at halftime although Inter already held a slight edge.

Bankstown were first to score through Pat Dellar, but Inter, who were still having the better of the exchanges, equalised and got the winner with only minutes to spare.

STATE CUP

Polonia eliminated Sutherland 3-0 in a game that Polonia dominated from start to finish and Bankstown steamrolled Guildford 4-0, and could have won by a bigger margin in State Cup ties last week.

THIS WEEK

Highlight of this week's round is the clash between Sutherland and Granville at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

Granville, who have a lot going for them this season, are in luck again, having caught Sutherland playing at their lowest ebb and riddled with injuries, and they should win convincingly.

In other matches, Polonia, who suddenly struck form, may give Corinthians the "horrors" and Manly should win against Artarmon while Melita Eagles may outclass Concordia.

Despite their lapse last week, Bankstown should win against Guildford and Balgownie account for NS-Inter.

LEADING SCORERS

M. CAIRNS (Corinthians)	15
J. CACCIOLA (Sutherland)	12
S. WOZNICZKO (Polonia)	12
C. POTTER (Corinthians)	11
P. DELLAR (Bankstown)	9
G. HANN (Guildford)	9
C. LEE (St. George)	8
R. JONES (Manly)	8
R. SOMMER (Concordia)	8
G. Woods (Sutherland)	8

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14	
Bankstown v. Sutherland	1-3
Nepean v. Granville	1-2
Southern Districts v. Manly	1-2
Canterbury v. Ku-ring-gai	2-1
West v. St. George	3-5
UNDER-15	
Bankstown v. Sutherland	1-0
Nepean v. Granville	1-9
Southern Districts v. Manly	3-1
Canterbury v. Ku-ring-gai	3-1
West v. St. George	2-0
UNDER-16	
Bankstown v. Sutherland	7-0
Nepean v. Granville	0-5
Southern Districts v. Manly	0-0
Canterbury v. Ku-ring-gai	2-2
West v. St. George	2-2
Gladesville had a bye in all grades.	
UNDER-16 ROUND-ROBIN	
Inter District v. CHS	4-0
1st Division v. 2nd Division	3-1

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Highlight of Victorian soccer this weekend is the Sunday clash at Olympic Park between Victoria and the Welsh FA touring side.

This is the only appearance of the "Taffies" in Australia, and with a squad which is mainly composed of players from the English Third Division, Victoria could knock them off.

Victoria's XI is likely to be selected from the following: Jimmy Milisavljevic (JUST), Fabian Juhasz (Melbourne), Alistair Scott (Melbourne), Marjan Lopatic (JUST), Joe Szabo (Melbourne), Sandy Irvine (Juventus), Johnny Wallace (Melbourne), Jim Mackay (Croatia), Dan Zoraja (JUST), Billy Vojtek (Croatia), Steve Bleskany (Melbourne), Eddie Marmur (Polonia), Keith Cockburn (Wilhelmina), Branko Buljevic (JUST), Luther Kastener (George Cross).

On Saturday at Middle Park, another double-header Dockerty Cup first main round is featured when in the first match Dandenong City, who have been knocking at the door of the State League for several years, meet Hakoah, while in the late game South Melbourne-Hellas take on another State League aspirant in the Polish-sponsored Keilor City.

A preliminary squad of 20 players drawn from the State League and Metropolitan Leagues has been formed and has already been in action as a State under-21 line-up. Almost half the players are from Metro sides and include Benny De Bruyckere, of Ringwood City, a son of the former Dutch international Sjef De Bruyckere, now coaching Wilhelmina. Most of the State League players are first team regulars with their sides and include Jimmy Milisavljevic (JUST), J. Palinkas (Melbourne), J. Kowalczyk (Polonia), S. Gadsby and T. Lane (Hakoah).

Miroslav Litwin, the former Polonia first team keeper who recently took over as coach to the struggling Lions, has now been loaned to the Essendon side as a player for the remainder of the season.

Who will succeed Sandy Henderson as coach of Sunshine City when he returns to Scotland next week? It could be that another goalie could replace Henderson, who was the first team keeper for Hakoah before he took on the Sunshine post. And the man freely mentioned for the job is Eddie Azzopardi, the former George Cross keeper, whom I believe was only beaten by a whisker by Henderson in the first instance.

Well informed reports suggest that Archie Campbell, the former George Cross and Victorian right-winger who has been with Wilhelmina for the past two years, has hung up his boots and retired from competitive soccer. Campbell, who came to Australia to join the Cross in 1962, was a youth player with Tottenham Hotspur in England and returned home to Scotland where he played with East Fife.

A Scottish report hints that David Swan, a fullback who has been with Dundee and Kilmarnock, may join Juventus in Melbourne.

A 30-year-old qualified Scottish Football Association referee is thinking of emigrating to Australia and would be pleased to hear from any association who might be interested in his services. He is Ian McIntyre, 81 Links Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland, who is married with two small children.

Last week's results: Wilhelmina 5 (Muskee 3, Luckhurst, Cockburn) d. Juventus 3 (Smart, Di Marchi, Frost), Hellas 4 (Armstrong 3, Gorrie own goal) d. Lions 0, Croatia 1 (Mackay) v. Hakoah 1 (Clarey), JUST 1 (Rujevic) v. George Cross 1 (Gardiner), Alexander 2 (Brown, Seife) d. Box Hill 0, Polonia 1 (Siwka) d. Melbourne-HSC 0.

Sydney Third Division

'SUMMIT MATCH' WON BY NORTH'S

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Northern Districts gained a very clear 2-0 win over Arncliffe Scots at Englefield Stadium last Saturday.

This leadership battle went North's way after only 10 minutes, when Gary Oberman netted neatly from a front of goal scramble. Oberman pulled down a ball, moved forward and hit it in for a grand goal 20 minutes later.

The whole Norths team rose to the occasion, and the result was never in doubt. Billy Moffatt's goalkeeping carried Marrickville to a 1-0 win over Revesby Workers.

Andy Pondekas scored after two minutes for Marrickville, and from then on Revesby applied the pressure without scoring. Pondekas' goal came from a free-kick when

Jimmy Mackin dummed the ball, and it went under the Revesby goalkeeper. Tall Alan Riley starred in Marrickville's defence, as did right-back Billy Mackin, who had to leave the field with an injury 10 minutes from the end.

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Campbelltown, Cabill Park; Lane Cove v. Revesby Workers; Pottery Green; Belmore v. North Bankstown; Rudd Park; Sunday: Marrickville v. Northern Districts; Marrickville Park; Banks City v. Enmore; Soccer Centre; West v. West. Sutherland — Jones Park.

RESULTS

Nth. Districts v. A. Scots	2-0
Revesby W. v. M'ville	0-1
W. Sutherland v. Banks C.	2-0
Nth. B'town v. Westy	1-0
Camp'town v. Belmore	0-0
Enmore v. Lane Cove	2-2

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Warringah still among the leading contenders

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Warringah remained up with the First Division leaders by gaining a 2-0 win over University of New South Wales at Dee Why Oval last Sunday.

NSW was hardly in the game as an attacking force at any stage.

Warringah centre-forward Bob Coetincian scored from the penalty spot after outside-right George McLelland was brought down.

McLelland was the instigator of the next goal when he floated a ball from the wing to just inside the far post.

The Granville Kewpies-Newtown Progressive clash provided some very tight football at Colquhoun Park.

Kewpies got the break and took the only goal of the match 15 minutes from the end.

A group of players went up with their heads, New-

town's 'keeper fisted the ball out, and Alan O'Keefe slammed in an unstopable shot from a range of 12 metres.

CLOSE WIN

Chris Bailey in goal, Jack Nowland, Kevin Chapman and Ron Bainbridge all contributed to Kewpies' close win.

The young Dee Why side could not match West Ryde, who won 7-1 at Meadowbank.

The game was played in good spirit, and the Rovers are only a point in arrears to Chelsea and Queens Park.

Fullback Stuart Lakin suffered a suspected broken jaw playing for Chelsea against Auburn.

The pressure was continually on Auburn, and Hughie Tulloch scored one and blazed a penalty kick to the underside of the crossbar only to see it come out.

Over 350 spectators at Arncliffe Park saw the RSL side go down to the leader Greenwich by the only goal of the match.

Ray Handley scored for Greenwich from a Fred Handley corner.

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Newtown v. University NSW — Outer Wentworth Park; Condell Park v. Rosebery Rhodas — Soccer Centre; Bondi v. West Ryde — Waverley No. 1; Sydney Uni. v. Maroubra — St. Pauls Oval; Blacktown v. Fairfield-Kiev — Francis Park; Thornleigh v. Arncliffe RSL — Thornleigh Oval; Ku-ring-gai v. Greenacre — Asquith Oval; Kogarah v. Toongabbie — Todd Park.

Sunday: Newtown v. South Sydney — Outer Wentworth Park; Yagoona v. Riverside Rapid — O'Neill Oval; Ravens v. Warringah Saints — Peel Park; Lidcombe v. Nepean — Coleman Park; Dee Why v. Chelsea — Dee Why Oval; Auburn Juniors v. Queens Park — Progress Park; Greenwich v. West St. George — Gore Creek Reserve; Padstow Park v. Eastwood Town — Kelsio 10; Liverpool City v. Macquarie Uni. — Jardine Park.

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION	
Sth. Sydney v. Ravens	1-5
Kewpies v. Newtown	1-0
Warringah v. Uni. NSW	2-0
Rosebery v. Yagoona	5-1
SECOND DIVISION	
Nepean v. Bondi	4-1
Maroubra v. Lidcombe	6-1
Pfild-Kiev v. Syd. Uni.	4-1
West Ryde v. Dee Why	7-1
Chelsea v. Auburn	1-1
Queens Pk. v. Blacktown	3-0
THIRD DIVISION	
Greenacre v. Thornleigh	1-2
Toongabbie v. Liverpool	4-0
Eastwood v. Ku-ring-gai	3-0
Acliff RSL v. Greenwich	0-1
W. St. Geo. v. Kogarah	2-2
Macquarie v. Padstow	3-4
Eastwood v. Thornleigh	1-0

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Ryde

5 (2)

J. Alagich 6 and 50 mins.,
Waters 12 and 60 mins., Ed-
wards 76 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

WESTS

3 (1)

Johnston 24 min., Kinnell
71 min., Jack 81 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (2)

Culledon 13 min., Harding
18 min. (Game abandoned 82
min. due to spectator inter-
ference).

Marconi

2 (0)

Griffith 62 min., Taylor
89 min.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Hakoah

3 (2)

Muniz 24, 25 and 50 mins.

A.P.I.A.

1 (1)

Forster 43 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

Prague

1 (1)

Rooney 12 min.

St. George

5 (2)

Ainslie 15 min., Abonyi 25
min., Hogg 66 min., Denton
69 and 71 mins.

South Sydney

2 (1)

Harris 12 min., Sullivan 48
min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Cajkusic 4, Crnic 4, Nacinovic 4, Trkulja 4,
I. Rudic 5, Rafanelli 4, J. Alagich 4, F. Rudic 3,
Edwards 3, Takac 4, Waters 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Match rating: * * *

Demopoulos 3, J. Xipolitas 3, Bamforth 4,
Kulak 4, Zivkovic 4, Hardy 3, Blitz 3, Keri 4,
Scheinflug 3, Thompson 2, Montgomery 2.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Eaton 4 (Kelly 40 min. 4), Van Blerk 4,
Hargreaves 4, Johnston 4, Kinnell 5, G. Smith 3
(Jack 62 min.), Byles 4, Guildea 4, Turner 3, Blue 3,
Spiekerman 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * * * *

Clarke 4, Parkin (Wetton 45 min. 4), Hignett
3, McCulloch 3, H. Xipolitas 3, Brooks 4, Thorne
4, Harding 4, G. Manuel 3, Culledon 4, Clark 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Rorke 4, Jones 3, Curran 3, Moschen 5, Taylor
3, Cudek 2 (Giacometti 55 min.), Danajevits 4,
Richards 4, Campbell 3, Burns 2, Griffith 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * *

Cummings 3, Tuckerman 3, Cuthbert 2, Walker
3, Gleeson 3, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3, McAvoy 2,
Tolson 3, Harvey 4, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: J. Harris.

Haffey 3, Yaeger 4, Hillsdon 4, Fekete 3,
Marnoch 3, Lynch 3, Muniz 5, Yardley 3, Keddie 4,
Baartz 3, Rutherford 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * *

Iro 3, Keith 4, McGillivray 2, McKinnon 2,
Bird 4, Hughes 4, Butler 4, Kurta 2 (Ackerley 79
min.), Forster 2, Russell 3, Madrassan 3 (Burnett
53 min.).

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: L. Bayliss.

Taylor 3, Selfridge 5, Stewart 3, Malone 4,
Brady 4, Hucker 3, Rogers 2 (Simpson 54 min.),
Strachan 3, Sidey 2 (Schneider 67 min.), Treacey 4,
McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Tuinman 5, Harcombe 3, Henderson 3, Zeman
4, Rootsey 4, Pack 4, R. Manuel 2 (Weir 2), Walsh
3 (Blanco 67 min.), Ridley 3, Rooney 4, Armytage
3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Reilly 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 5, Schaefer 4,
Williams 3, Ainslie 4, Hamilton 3, Abonyi 5, Herron
3 (Hogg 62 min.), Alston 4, Denton 4 (Treasure 84
min.).

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * * * *

Co'rry 3, Ashurst 3, Susa 3, Shepherd 3, Archi-
bald 4, Doyle 4, Taylor 4, Wright 3, Harris 4,
Sullivan 3, McLean 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kiss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The Berries never had a chance. From the time Xipolitas casually backpassed a ball in Joe Alagich's path in the sixth minute, the slick, fluid Ryde machine was irresistible. They put on show all their considerable skills and, for a team reportedly "unfit" and "loath to train," ran Canterbury ragged. To their credit, the Berries never gave up even though they had plenty of reasons to be disheartened. They plodded on, striving to save face, but it was all in vain. Ryde, at their best, are a menacing outfit with a great repertoire and flair for improvisation; against the pedestrian Berries proved to be easy pickings.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 1,975.

— PAUL DEAN

Pan Hellenic's team put on a very convincing performance, and for almost 70 minutes they were much more constructive than Wests. The Magpies showed greater stamina, and fought back to a 3-2 lead when an ill-advised section of Pan Hellenic's supporters caused the termination of the game. Rarely has Pan Hellenic been seen to such advantage. They earned their goals, with special mention for another Harding flier. Thorne and Harding had Wests' defence in real trouble, and it took the cool of George Kinnell to get them off the hook. Kinnell did better than that, as his passes swept his forwards on to the attack. Quite often replacements don't lift a game, but this time Jack cut infield to unbalance the Hellenic defence, and record the goal that mattered.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 3,210.

— KEITH GILMOUR

From the entertainment point of view this was no match for the spectator as both sides played essentially defensive football, but Marconi deserved the points because of their second half performance. Feeling the pinch of their heavy program, the Coast were content to play for a draw, and in the first half Marconi gave the impression that they wouldn't mind terribly if they joined in the spirit of things. However, in the second half they sensed they could win after all and their efforts were rewarded. Alfredo Moschen effectively bottled up Max Tolson, with the result that the South Coast attack failed miserably. Although the match was unexciting it was torrid at times, and only the firm hand of Tony Boskovic kept matters under control.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,244.

— CHARLES SPITERI

The two depleted teams treated the crowd to a tame match which never reached any heights. Hakoah's superiority was never in doubt, although their performance left a lot to be desired. Luckily for them, Muniz was in fine goalgetting touch. The talented Brazilian was the difference between the teams. APIA's finishing was again woeful, but they had the consolation of scoring as good a goal as any seen this season. The absence of John Watkiss was felt in the Hakoah midfield. Without the big fellow, constructive football was missing and there was a gaping hole between attack and defence. APIA could also have done with the injured Blues to add some class and imagination to proceedings.

Referee: F. Sbis.

Crowd: 3,887.

— LOU GAUTIER

Auburn would have collected the two points with any sort of finishing ability. Theirs were the more sustained attacks, but Prague's grim defence enabled them to hang on for what could prove to be a life-saving victory. Prague's goal in the 12th minute came from a defensive blunder when Hucker and Taylor held off, allowing Rooney to nip in and lift the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper. Prague's keeper Jan Tuinman possibly played his best match since leaving Manly, and was the hero of his plucky team. Generally, the match was mediocre. The positional play and passing were substandard and organisation was lacking in both line-ups.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 560.

— BILL HENDERSON

A very fast and entertaining match with plenty of thrills and spills. In the first half Souths matched Saints in every department, and even took the lead in the 12th minute. Later, St. George equalised and then took over the lead only to see the determined South Sydney draw on level terms three minutes into the second half. Just when the stage seemed set for a ding-dong battle, with the result very much in doubt, Saints applied the pressure and piled on three quick goals, all in the space of five minutes, to put the issue beyond doubt. The match proved how suspect the South Sydney defence remains under real pressure. It also showed that on the day few teams can match Saints' ability to turn defence into attack with quick, rapier-like thrusts.

Referee: A. Farone.

Crowd: 3,160.

— FRANK JORDAN

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	11	3	4	19	25	
South Sydney	11	3	4	23	25	
Wests	9	4	2	42	14	22
Prague	8	5	2	32	17	21
APIA	8	3	3	30	10	20
St. George	7	4	4	27	23	18
Marconi	7	2	6	25	16	20
SCU	3	8	5	24	34	14
Auburn	2	5	13	25	9	
Pan Hellenic	1	11	20	36	9	
Canterbury	1	12	16	51	5	
Ryde	1	13	13	48	2	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	12	3	3	49	26	
Auburn	10	3	3	34	15	23
Hakoah	11	—	5	31	19	22
Wests	8	4	3	29	18	20
South Sydney	9	1	6	38	15	19
St. George	9	4	2	26	16	19
Marconi	7	2	6	24	18	16
Ryde	4	2	9	16	37	10
SCU	3	3	10	20	32	9
APIA	2	5	9	18	25	9
Canterbury	3	2	11	18	42	8
Pan Hellenic	2	3	11	10	36	7

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	12	3	3	38	18	25
Grainville	10	5	1	38	18	25
Corinthians	10	2	4	32	22	22
Melita Eagles	10	2	4	32	21	22
Balgownie	8	3	5	36	26	19
Manly	8	3	4	24	16	19
Polonia	7	1	8	41	35	15
Guildford	6	2	8	29	34	14
Bankstown	6	1	9	27	31	13
Artarmon	5	4	9	20	38	10
Concordia	2	2	12	21	57	6
NS-Inter	2	1	13	16	57	5

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	12	3	1	33	11	27
Manly	11	2	3	36	24	24
Balgownie	10	4	2	33	17	22
Sutherland	10	2	4	42	23	22
Grainville	8	3	4	32	21	19
Guildford	9	1	3	36	32	19
Artarmon	5	3	8	24	30	13
Polonia	4	3	8	31	37	11
Corinthians	5	1	10	25	33	11
Melita Eagles	3	3	9	26	38	11
Concordia	3	1	12	20	59	7
NS-Inter	—	2	14	12	46	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	13	3	—	46	10	29
Bankstown	10	3	1	38	17	25
Grainville	9	3	3	34	21	21
Balgownie	8	1	7	25	17	17
Corinthians	7	2	7	22	18	16
Sutherland	6	4	6	20	36	16
Melita Eagles	7	1	8	29	15	15
Artarmon	7	1	8	32	27	15
Guildford	5	3	8	24	26	13
Polonia	4	2	10	26	38	10
NS-Inter	3	1	12	12	41	9
Concordia	—	1	14	3	77	1

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	8	4	3	30	16	20
Nth. Districts	8	4	4	41	28	20
Arncliffe Scots	8	4	3	34	19	19
Campbelltown	8	3	5	33	19	19
Enmore	8	3	3	33	18	19
W. Sutherland	6	5	5	36	34	17
Belmore	6	2	6	25	17	17
Revesby W.	6	2	8	23	14	14
Marrickville	3	7	6	29	35	13
Wentworth	5	2	9	28	42	12
Lane Cove	4	3	9	28	40	11
Nth. Bankstown	3	10	2	24	36	9

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	10	2	1	47	12	22
Warringah	9	3	2	44	15	21
Gladesville R.	8	4	1	43	19	20
Riverside R.	7	4	2	47	22	18
Uni. NSW	6	1	6	24	17	13
Newtown	6	—	6	36	27	12
Condell Park	5	—	7	20	28	10
Yagoona	3	—	9	24	40	6
Kewpie	2	2	9	15	50	6
South Sydney	13	4	—	59	—	—

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Ryde	15	—	1	64	15	30
Queens Park	14	—	1	64	15	29
Chelsea	12	4	—	52	12	28
Nepean	8	3	5	37	28	19
Bondi	6	3	7	41	35	15
Maroubra	6	3	7	40	42	15
Blacktown	7	1	8	33	24	15
Sydney Uni.	5	3	8	45	30	13
Auburn	3	3	10	16	37	9
P-field-Kiev	3	2	11	28	59	8
Dee Why	3	1	11	27	45	7
Lidcombe	1	—	15	4	90	2

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	12	3	1	49	14	27
Paddick Pk.	2	3	1	31	30	24
W. St. George	10	3	1	50	17	23
Arncliffe RSL	11	—	5	63	25	22
Macquarie Uni.	9	2	4	41	27	20
Eastwood	7	5	4	40	28	19
Thornleigh	7	1	8	27	15	15
Kurung-gai	5	3	8	27	20	13
Toongabbie	4	3	9	30	39	11
Kogarah	4	3	9	31	41	11
Greenacre	2	1	12	26	66	5
Liverpool	—	—	16	11	89	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

RESULTS		
FIRST DIVISION		
(Second and Third Grades)		
Wests v. Pan Hellenic	2-1	2-0
St. George v. S. Sydney	1-2	0-0
Auburn v. Prague	1-1	0-0
Hakoah v. APIA	2-0	2-1
Marconi v. SCU	1-1	4-0
Ryde v. Canterbury	3-1	0-2

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

"BLACK SUNDAY"

mars sixteenth round

Last weekend was a black one for Sydney soccer, what with the abandonment of the Western Suburbs v. Pan Hellenic match after a mass invasion of the pitch and fights among the crowd at Lambert Park which led to several arrests.

Since every sport must look to the support of Councils as ground hirers, soccer, of all sports, can ill afford the luxury of such upheavals as witnessed at Drummoyle last Sunday.

Round 16 also brought disaster for Canterbury and almost certain salvation for Prague in their battle against relegation.

The victories of the "top three" — Hakoah, St. George-Budapest and Western Suburbs — have cut them off completely from the rest of the field.

While Hakoah are careering out in front, undefeated for 10 months, the battle still rages for the coveted fourth round-robin berth.

Ryde gained most from last weekend's results and have proved they are far from dead.

In fact, they have emerged on current form as the leading contender, ahead of Pan Hellenic, South Sydney and South Coast, the only teams still with any realistic hope of forcing their way into the "top four".

TWIST

The highlight of the St. George v. South Sydney match at Lambert Park came from a cornerkick taken by Alan Ainslie.

Attila Abonyi, standing on the goaline, retreated smartly to meet the ball, and twisting himself in the air, backheaded from an acute angle.

Unfortunately for "Atti", the ball hit the crossbar, and a brilliant piece of individual play wasn't converted into what would have been a fabulous goal.

HAT-TRICK

Agenor Muniz deputising for countryman Hilton Silva, quickly made his presence felt in the Hakoah team against APIA.

Muniz put the issue beyond doubt with two goals between the 24th and 25th minutes, then five minutes into the second half scored a third goal to knock the stuffing out of APIA.

The best goal of the match, however, was APIA's — the result of deft inter-passing between Hughes and Stan Forster who sliced through the Hakoah defence with consummate ease and elegance.

MASTERFUL

A masterful move paved the way for Ryde's third goal in the 50th minute against Canterbury.

Joe Alagich received a lobbed freekick from Rafanelli and, although surrounded by defenders, brought the ball under control, then turned with it.

He sidestepped one tackle, rode the next, sprinting within about five metres of the goal, and just when Demopoulos decided to commit himself, blasted the ball just under the crossbar for a splendid goal.

UNFORGETTABLE

Davie Johnston scored a goal in the 24th minute of the Wests-Pan Hellenic game that he is sure to remember for the rest of his career.

Forcing upfield to back up a Wests sortie against the general run of play, he was on the spot to pick up a part clearance from the otherwise solid Maurice Parkin.

He laid into the ball from 25 metres out, and it went like a bird in flight to the net.

MISSED CHANCES

Auburn's missed chances stood out more than anything else in their match against Prague at Mona Park.

Full credit, however, to goalie Jan Tuinman for a

brilliant save off John McDonald early in the second half.

McDonald had broken clear and just as his full-blooded drive appeared certain to lob the advancing Tuinman, the young goalie, somehow, managed to deflect the ball with an acrobatic leap, thus saving Prague's tremendously vital victory.

ENTHUSIASM

A goal 17 minutes into the second half infused new enthusiasm into Marconi in their match against South Coast.

Kicking into the wind, Marconi made better use of the long balls than United in the first half, and with Danajevits in good form, their attack clicked well.

Both goals came when least expected, but both were good goals through the work of Danajevits, who gave Ean Cuthbert a torrid time throughout the match.

STATE CUP RESULTS

Illawarra District club Bellambi continued in giant-killing vein in the State Cup when it accounted for another Second Division club, Manly, last week, to qualify for the final 16.

The seven Sydney winners and Bellambi will be opposed to Newcastle clubs in the next round, on Saturday August 7.

Last week's Cup results:

St. George 3 (Abonyi, Denton, Herron) d. Western Suburbs 0; South Sydney 5 (Sullivan 2, Doyle, Shepherd, Harris) d. Canterbury 0; Prague 4 (Butler 2, R. Manuel, Walsh) d. Bankstown 1 (Hughes); Ryde 3 (Trkulja, Waters, Edwards) d. Marconi 2 (Cudek, Campbell); Bellambi 4 (Ronald 2, Wilkinson, Ford) d. Manly 2 (Mallam, Jones); APIA 3 (Madrusan, Burnett, Ackerley) d. South Coast 0; Hakoah 4 (Baartz 2, Keddie, Rutherford) d. Polonia 0.

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

Ryde at their best can take beating

— By PAUL DEAN —

Probably it's no exaggeration that there is no team capable of more entertaining football than Ryde, at their best.

And that includes Hakoah and St. George, teams capable of very professional exhibitions.

But Ryde are different, they are able to add an amazing amount of spice, color and even wit to their game; they sparkle, almost dance their way to victory.

Their game is full of pulsations; they really play the game, not just work at it.

Little flicks, dummies, delicate controls, improvisations and other delights are all part of their massive weaponry — when they feel like using it.

Against Canterbury they did. And the hapless Berries, fighting a game, but perhaps losing battle against relegation, badly handicapped because of the temporary insanity of some of their fans, were at the receiving end of this Ryde-type fireworks.

Rafanelli's return has greatly added to Ryde's

midfield depth; his distribution is still one of the best in Sydney.

Edwards' aggressiveness and speed have fortified the once insipid attack; he and Waters now take a lot of weight off Alagich.

Joe is another story; this mercurial, moody, but brilliant winger is back at his effervescent best, making one wonder just how and why he is not a regular Australian international?

The composure and steadiness of I. Rudic, busy grafting of Trkulja, intelligent midfielding of Takac, sensible and safe positioning of the two fullbacks all help make Ryde what they are: a spectacular, attractive though somewhat unpredictable team.

Canterbury were never in the hunt. Their defence was outsped and outwitted, their forwards outclassed.

All the sins of desperate, hurried team-building have

surfaced in this match: the Berries have not been able to digest the many new players in their team.

One felt sorry for the likes of Keri, Kulak, Bamforth and Zivkovic who tried so valiantly, but in vain.

Scheinflug, once one of the greats of Sydney soccer, could perhaps do more for the team by staying on the sideline; his present form should convince him to opt for coaching in preference of playing.

Ryde, if they can consolidate their form, should strive for a semifinal spot.

They are a happier team now than they were a few months ago; their once good spirit has returned.

As for Canterbury, let's hope they will keep struggling against their fate. But just the same, somebody should start to write their obituary.

BIG GAME DIARY



RYDE
v.

Canterbury

6 min.: John Xipolitis backpasses to his goalie, the ball falls short, Alagich nips in and smashes it home from four metres. 1-0.

12 min.: Takac sends a freekick to F. Rudic on the right, his cross is volleyed home by Waters from 14 metres past the diving Demopoulos. 2-0.

14 min.: Thompson's backheader is volleyed by Keri but the ball grazes the bar.

21 min.: Keri's 20-metre lob is headed clear on the line by I. Rudic, with Cajkusic beaten.

22 min.: Takac's long through ball finds Alagich but his angled shot goes wide.

28 min.: F. Rudic's left foot drive is saved spectacularly by Demopoulos.

33 min.: Blitz to Keri to Blitz, finally to Scheinflug whose placed shot sails over the bar.

43 min.: Crnie speeds off on the right wing, sends in a good cross but Edwards misses from four metres.

SECOND HALF

5 min.: Rafanelli's freekick goes to Alagich, he breasts the ball down, quickly beats two defenders well inside the box and blasts the ball under the roof. 3-0.

13 min.: Blitz sends a shot over the bar from 20 metres.

15 min.: F. Rudic gives a great through ball to Waters on the left wing, the Canterbury defenders are all caught standing square, Waters takes two steps and then smashes the ball in, rebounding from the goalie. 4-0.

16 min.: In a goalmouth scramble Scheinflug's right foot drive hits the right post.

19 min.: Blitz crosses to the centre but Thompson misses from three metres.

21 min.: Takac gives a perfect ball to Waters but his shot is wide.

26 min.: Alagich's hard drive is saved by Demopoulos.

30 min.: Waters crosses from the left wing but F. Rudic heads the ball over the bar.

31 min.: Rafanelli to Waters, to Alagich, he puts Edwards through and his close range shot zooms into the corner. 5-0.

43 min.: Scheinflug's desperate 20-metre drive goes over the bar.

TEAM of the WEEK

SELFRIDGE (Auburn)	TUINMAN (Prague)	UTJESENOVIC (St. George)
MOSCHEN (Marconi)	KINNELL (Wests)	HUGHES (APIA)
ABONYI (St. George)	TAKAC (Ryde)	
MUNIZ (Hakoah)	KEDDIE (Hakoah)	WATERS (Ryde)

N.S.W. FEDERATION FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* Home match	
Hakoah	16	12	4	—	42	13	28	8	6	2	—	25	8	14	8	6	2	—	17	5	14	Pan Hellenic	
St. George	15	10	2	3	45	16	22	8	6	1	1	22	8	13	7	4	1	2	23	8	9	Prague	
Wests	15	9	4	2	29	17	22	9	6	1	2	17	12	13	6	3	3	—	12	5	9	Souths	
South Sydney	16	7	3	6	30	30	17	8	4	—	4	15	18	8	8	3	3	2	15	12	9	Wests*	
Pan Hellenic	16	6	4	6	23	25	16	8	4	2	2	13	10	10	8	2	2	4	10	15	6	Hakoah*	
Ryde	15	5	5	5	27	22	15	8	3	3	2	16	11	9	7	2	2	3	11	11	6	S. Coast	
South Coast	16	4	7	5	21	25	15	7	2	3	2	14	15	7	9	2	4	3	7	10	8	Ryde*	
APIA	15	5	3	7	16	27	13	7	1	2	4	4	14	4	8	4	1	3	12	13	9	Marconi*	
Marconi	15	2	7	6	24	35	11	8	1	6	1	13	13	8	7	1	1	5	11	22	3	APIA	
Auburn	16	4	3	9	20	30	11	9	1	2	6	6	14	4	7	3	1	3	14	16	7	Canterbury	
Prague	15	4	—	11	20	33	8	6	2	—	4	9	12	4	9	2	—	7	11	21	4	St. George*	
Canterbury *	16	2	4	10	17	41	8	7	1	1	5	7	18	3	9	1	3	5	10	23	5	Auburn*	

* Four penalty points to be deducted.

LEADING SCORERS

M. DENTON (St. George)	12
J. ALAGICH (Ryde)	11
M. HARRIS (South Sydney)	11
A. ABONYI (St. George)	10
R. BAARTZ (Hakoah)	10
M. SULLIVAN (South Sydney)	10
M. TOLSON (SCU)	10
D. KEDDIE (Hakoah)	9

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 15,016 (15,087).

Average per match: 2,504 (2,513).

Attendance after 16 rounds*: 255,040 (249,813).

Weekly average attendance: 15,905 (15,613).

* Three matches in hand. In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Granville saved by shock expulsions

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With only six rounds to go Sutherland and Granville have opened up a three-point lead over promotion rivals Melita Eagles and Corinthians.

Both leaders won their matches and Melita beat Corinthians narrowly to hang on to its slim chance for promotion.

Four players were sent off in two Sunday matches. Last week's match reports:

Corinthians v. Melita Eagles 0-1

A goal by Ian MacDougall 15 minutes into the second half gave the Eagles a deserved victory.

The game was a hard fought one from the start, but Melita always looked the better side.

After halftime a ball from Laurie Azzopardi on the wing was hit first-time by Cunningham, but the shot hit the post and MacDougall rushed in to hit the rebound home.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Haggett, Barnett, Cilia, Peachey, Reynolds, Jagger, Johnstone (Cairns), Collins, McEnally.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Knaus, Hewlett, McAusland, Edwards, Duffy, Beattie, Cunningham, MacDougall (1), Molyneux, Azzopardi.

Artarmon v. Sutherland 0-3

Sutherland were never fully extended, although Artarmon battled gamely in the first half when the score was only 1-0.

However, two goals by Dave Suggett put an end to any hopes Artarmon had of causing an upset.

Artarmon: MacKechnie, Ellis, M. Nacinovich, MacGuinness, Quinn, Liddell (Cole), Lowe, Williams, K. Nacinovich, Morgan, Wingfield (McAlpine).

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin, Smith, Piggott, Lavan, Johnson, MacKnight (1), Suggett (2).

Concordia v. Manly 2-2

Hard-hit by injuries and finishing with 10 men after a player was sent off, Manly had to struggle for the draw.

First goal of the match was scored by Doller in the first half, but two goals after the resumption put Manly in the lead until Brandtner got the equaliser. Manly had to play the last 12 minutes with 10 men when Hay was sent off after an incident involving Gassner.

Concordia: Wupper, Filter, Auras, Erasmus, Tarver, Baumgartner, Doller (1), (Gassner), Brandtner (1), McMillan, Kappacher, Sommer.

Manly: Gee, Newell, Russell (Bloomfield), Ridding, Hutchinson (1), McGill, Crawford (Woods), Boden, Hay, Malam (1), Jones.

Polonia v. Guildford 3-4

This match was an exciting battle between youth and experience.

Guildford, sensing a tired Polonia because of their match 24 hours earlier, went

for the kill and after the initial first goal by Polonia, they ran into a commanding 3-1 lead.

Polonia hit back to level the scores, but Guildford scored the winner in plenty of time to finish right on top.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaczewski (Zunis), Nowacki, Starek, Komoder (1), Skoric (1), Minol, Szmidt, Swoboda, Wozniczko (1).

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Pierce, Brincatt, Jack, Schofield, Gazbegovic, Hann (3), Morley, Wood, Bligh (1).

Balgownie v. Bankstown 2-1

Balgownie should have won by a much bigger margin with a little more luck.

However, it was Bankstown who hit the front first with a shock goal by centre-forward Pat Dellor.

Balgownie equalised through Errol Freeme before Brian Edgley scored the best goal of the match.

Balgownie: Holbro, Davis, Piec, Edgley (1), Bradford, Hall, McGuckin, McLean, Royall, Paterson, Freeme (1).

Granville v. NS-Inter 5-2

Down 0-2 with 25 minutes remaining, Granville were let off the hook when referee F. Johns sensationally sent three NS-Inter players — Gastone Gi-



MAL O'NEILL
(Granville)

cometti, Spresian and Andrejewski — off.

The trouble started when the referee awarded Granville a penalty which Mal O'Neill converted.

Nobody could blame Granville for scoring four more goals, but they were playing against only eight men.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Williams, Staunton, Brown, Vrolyks (2), Gippert (Loftus), Schumann (1), O'Neill (1), De Sant (Lee 1).

NS-Inter: Power, Randy, Gray, Giacometti, Mucili, Ardejszewski, Spresian, Polotto, Smit (1), Faye, Nimac (1).

THIS WEEK

The matches between Bankstown and Granville at the Soccer Centre and Melita Eagles and Polonia at Mona Park attract most interest this weekend.

Granville and Bankstown always figure in a close match and with home ground advantage Bankstown could surprise.

The same can be applied to the Melita-Polonia game where the battle is always hard and close with the big ground suiting both teams.

In other matches we take Artarmon, Balgownie, Sutherland and Corinthians to win.

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14	
Bankstown v. Kuring-gai	1-0
St. George v. Nepean	2-1
Sutherland v. Granville	2-1
Manly v. Wests	1-1
Sth. Districts v. Gladesville	0-6
Under-15	
Bankstown v. Kuring-gai	3-0
St. George v. Nepean	4-0
Sutherland v. Granville	2-1
Manly v. Wests	0-2
Sth. Districts v. Gladesville	0-6
Under-16	
Bankstown v. Kuring-gai	3-1
St. George v. Nepean	3-0
Sutherland v. Granville	3-3
Manly v. Wests	2-2
Sth. Districts v. Gladesville	1-1

VICTORIAN TABLE	
JUST	9 2 3 30 9 21
Croatia	9 2 2 23 9 20
Hellas	7 2 4 25 10 18
Melbourne	8 3 2 21 10 18
Polonia	6 4 3 15 19 15
Hakoah	6 6 1 20 14 13
Juventus	5 5 3 21 23 13
George Cross	5 6 2 18 29 12
Wilhelmina	4 7 2 17 22 10
Box Hill	3 6 4 11 17 10
Alexander	2 9 2 10 24 6
Lions	— 13 3 28 —

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Almost two-thirds of the State League season is over as the sides get to grips with each other for the 14th round this weekend. The draw:

Saturday: JUST v. Hakoah (Schintler Reserve), Melbourne v. Box Hill (Middle Park), Wilhelmina v. George Cross (Jubilee Park), Wilhelmina v. George Cross (Jubilee Park).

Sunday: SM Hellas v. Polonia (Middle Park), Lions v. Juventus (Montgomery Park), Croatia v. Alexander (Olympic Park).

Never have two clubs played so long before so few people without getting an outright result as Box Hill and Polonia in their Dockety Cup marathon. In three games in which they have fought it out so far they have been locked together for 360 minutes, which includes three half-hour periods of extra-time. One would have thought they would have been compelled to settle the issue at the end of the last game by taking penalty-kicks and relieving fans of a boring get-together. One thing is almost certain. Whichever side eventually gets through if the tie is ever finished has little more than "Buckley's chance" of getting much further in the competition.

A farcical earmarked for Hakoah and due to arrive here in the near future is Douglas Barbour, who played for Kilmarnock and Stranraer in the Scottish League. Barbour, 23, is an instrument technician with ICI in Scotland and hopes to get a transfer to the company's plant in Melbourne.

Box Hill and Waverley, the Metro League sides, were engaged in a bit of player-swinging before the transfer deadline closed. John Field, the Hillmen's winger went to Waverley while Bobby Smart, the Waverley centre-forward, joined the State League club.

John Higgins, of the Glasgow juniors, is keen to migrate to Australia and is a 26-year-old who plays in the midfield. Higgins resides at 3 Duntarvie Place, Glasgow, Scotland.

Billy Wojtek returned to his best representative form in the recent game against Wales. Besides scoring Victoria's first goal, he laid on the second for Dan Zoraja and was the best of the local players.

Zbigniew Cierpisz, the former Polonia defender now with Frankston City, had the misfortune of breaking his leg in the second game for the seaside club who are battling, despite a big outlay on new players, to save their First Division status.

While Juventus have tried many players in their left-winger berth over the past two years, their former touchline man, Dario Epifanio, is playing a big part in the George Cross revival.

Mooroolbark have had a meteoric rise in Metropolitan soccer and are likely to keep climbing. Two years ago they were in the Fourth Division, and now in the Second Division they look a good bet to accompany Green Gully-Ajax to the First Division.

Last week's results: George Cross 1 (Walker) v. Melbourne-HSC 1 (McColgan), Wilhelmina 3 (Ollerton 2, Kerklaan) d. Polonia 0, Hakoah 3 (Clarey 3) d. Alexander 0, JUST 1 (Zoraja) v. Box Hill 1 (McCracken), Croatia 1 (Mackay) d. Lions 0, Juventus 2 (Salisbury, Thomson) v. SM-Hellas 2 (Gorrie, Armstrong).

Sydney Third Division

NORTHS DROP VITAL POINT

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

With both Northern Districts and Campbelltown dropping a point, Banks City drew level with Norths following their 1-0 win over Lane Cove with the key deferred game against Arncliffe Scots still to come.

The Banks City-Lane Cove game was played under unideal conditions at the Soccer Centre.

John Jamison put the ball in the top corner of Lane Cove's net in the second minute.

Banks City continued to attack, but could not handle Lane Cove's offside tactics. Through sheer frustration their game dropped back to a very ordinary standard.

David Champion then took a penalty for Banks City, but made a presentation of his shot to the opposing 'keeper.

To complete the scene Stan Grezlek was dismissed by referee E. Molloy.

RESULTS

C'belltown v. M'ville 0-0 2-1
W. Sutherland v. Belmore 2-2 1-2
Banks City v. Lane Cove 1-0 1-0
N. Districts v. Arncliffe 0-2 2-4
N. Districts v. Revesby W. 3-3 0-2
Enmore v. Wentby 5-2 0-4

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. West Sutherland; Cahill Park; Marrickville v. North Bankstown; Mackay Park; Revesby Workers v. Campbelltown; Soccer Centre; Belmore v. Enmore; Rudd Park.
Sunday: Lane Cove v. Northern Districts; Pottery Green; Wentby v. Banks City; Jones Park.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

WEST RYDE TAKE OVER SECOND DIVISION LEAD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

West Ryde gained wins against Lidcombe (8-0) and Sydney University (4-1) last weekend, enabling them to lead the Second Division table.

The other contributing factor to their leadership was Chelsea dropping a point to modestly placed Bondi.

The third team in the leadership race is Queens Park.

They found the going hard against Dee Why and only ran out 3-2 winners, the same margin that Chelsea had recorded against Dee Why last week.

The Queens Park-Dee Why game did not reach great heights, but Dee Why gave their rivals plenty to think about.

One own goal, and another by Mike Horrigan, soon had Queens Park ahead.

Dee Why came back with two good goals, and a header from Ron Neff crashed home for Queens Park's winner.

SPARTAN VICTORY

In another Second Division match, Blacktown Spartan defeated Sydney University 3-1 at Francis Park.

Although Blacktown led 2-0 at halftime, they were

somewhat flattered by the final result.

Colin Akers broke through for two good goals and Calvin Parkinson got the other.

BELOW FORM

First Division Warringah gained a 1-0 win over Newtown Progressive at Dee Why Oval.

Both teams played below their first form.

Newtown were unlucky when a Warringah defender headed into his own goal, but the referee ruled "no goal" as the ball had already passed over the goal-line before being crossed.

Gary Ambrosio set up Warringah's winning goal in the 55th minute when he sent in a low cross from the right wing, and outside-left Tommy Edwards neatly flicked the ball home from five metres out.

Bondi goalkeeper Barry Maher had a good game for the much improved Bondi team, who gained a 2-2 result with Chelsea.

Hughie Tulloch got their first goal and John Stansfield the equaliser from a penalty.

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION
Warringah v. Newtown 1-0 1-0
Kowpies v. Riverside 2-2 1-2
Rosebery v. Uni. NSW 5-2 5-2
Condell Pk. v. Yagoona 2-5 1-2

SECOND DIVISION
West Ryde v. Lidcombe 8-0 8-0
F'field-Kiev v. Auburn 3-1 1-1
B'town v. Sydney Uni. 3-1 0-4
Chelsea v. Bondi 2-2 2-1
Nepean v. Maroubra 6-2 3-2
Queens Pk. v. Dee Why 3-2 4-0
W. Ryde v. Sydney Uni. 4-1 5-1

THIRD DIVISION
Eastwood v. Liverpool 9-1 8-2
Toongabbie v. Greenwich 2-5 0-1
W. St. Geo. v. Thornleigh 5-0 3-0
A'cliffe RSL v. Greenacre 5-1 2-2
Macquarie U. v. Kogarah 3-2 2-0
Padstow v. Kuring-gai 2-1 3-3

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Riverside Rapid v. South Sydney; Mahony Oval; Bondi v. Queens Park; Waverley Oval 1; Sydney Uni. v. Nepean; St. Pauls Oval; Auburn v. Blacktown; Progress Park; Thornleigh v. Toongabbie; Thornleigh Oval; Kuring-gai v. Arncliffe RSL; Asquith Oval; Liverpool City v. Padstow Park; Jardine Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Greenacre; Macquarie University.

Sunday: Yagoona v. Kowpies; O'Neill Park; Ravens v. Rosebery Rhodes; Peel Park; Uni. NSW v. Condell Park; David Phillips Oval; Lidcombe v. Chelsea; Coleman Park; Maroubra v. West Ryde; Coral Sea Park; Dee Why v. Fairfield-Kiev; Dee Why Oval; Greenwich v. Macquarie Uni.; Gore Creek Reserve; Greenacre v. West St. George; Allum Park; Kogarah v. Eastwood Town; Todd Park.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

South Sydney

0 (0)

WESTS

3 (2)

Spiekerman 2 min., Turner 22 min., Blue 84 min.

Canterbury

1 (0)

Scheinflug 82 min.

Auburn

2 (2)

McDonald 3 min., Trail 8 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (0)

Tolson 48 min., Dunlop 75 min.

Ryde

0 (0)

A.P.I.A

0 (0)

Marconi

1 (0)

B. Taylor 85 min.

Prague

1 (0)

Weir 68 min.

St. George

2 (2)

Abonyi 30 min. (penalty), Denton 38 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

Harding 65 min.

Hakoah

5 (2)

Muniz 5 min., Baartz 37 and 49 min., Keddie 61 min., Watkiss 62 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Corry 4, Ashurst 4, Susa 4, Shepherd 3, Archibald 3, Doyle 4, Kobesack 3 (McLean 52 min.), Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 3, Taylor 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Match rating: * * * *

Kelly 4, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 5, Blue 4, Byles 3, Guilda 5, Turner 3 (G. Smith 66 min.), Spiekerman 4, Jack 3.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Demopoulos 3, Hardy 3, Bamforth 4, Kulak 4, Zivkovic 4, Scheinflug 3, Blitz 3, Keri 3 (Whitehead 3), Pocock 3, Thompson 3, Montgomery 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * *

Taylor 4, Selfridge 4, Stewart 3, Malone 4 (Strachan 66 min.), Brady 5, Hucker 4, Treacey 3, Trail 4, Rogers 3, Simpson 3 (Schneider 60 min.), McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Cummings 4, Wilson 4, Tuckerman 5, Walker 4, Gleeson 3, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 4, McAvoy 3, Tolson 3, Harvey 3, McGunigle 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * *

Cajkusic 4, Crnic 3, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 5, I. Rudic 4, Rafaneli 4, J. Alagich 3, Brajkovic 3 (F. Rudic 65 min.), Edwards 2, Takac 4, Waters 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Iro 3, Keith 3, McGillivray 3, McKinnon 3, Bird 3, Hughes 4, Schiavo 3, Forster 2 (replaced Russell 30 min.), Pollard 2, Butler 3, Ackerley 4.

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: L. Bayliss.

Match rating: * * *

Rorke 3, Jones 3, Curran 5, Moschen 4, Taylor 4, Robertson 2 (Giacometti 59 min.), Danajevits 3, Richards 4, Campbell 2, Burns 3, Griffith 2.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Tuimman 3, Harcombe 3, Henderson 3, Zeman 3, Rootsey 3, Rooney 5, Weir 3, Walsh 4, Ridley 3, Pack 3, Armytage 3 (Butler 46 min., Blanco 69 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Reilly 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 3, Ainslie 3, Hamilton 3, Abonyi 5, Hogg 3, Alston 4, Denton 4 (Herron 46 min. 3).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Maglis 3, Hanson 4, Hignett 3, McCulloch 3, H. Xipolitas 3, Brooks 3, Thorne 2, Harding 3, G. Manuel 3, Cullerton 2, Clarke 3.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * *

Haffey 4, Yaeger 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Fekete 3 (Lynch 74 min.), Muniz 4, Yardley 3, Keddie 3, Baartz 4 (Silvers 82 min.), Rutherford 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: C. Fleming.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A good match despite the slush and the wintry conditions. Wests were good value for the two points and fully deserved their win, though pressed, at times desperately, in the second half. Their first half display was as good as any this season, but after the interval they were mostly on the receiving end as Souths staged a fighting comeback. Just when South Sydney seemed set to bridge the gap with at least one goal, a brilliantly mounted breakaway enabled Wests to score a third goal to put the issue beyond doubt. Even when the pressure was most severe, the Western Suburbs defence never cracked. For this, the winners have George Kinnell to thank. This experienced stopper was seen at his very best and there is little doubt that on his day he has few peers in Australian soccer.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 1,680.

— LOU GAUTIER

After a disastrous start, Canterbury fought for every ball, but although they were rewarded with a 82nd minute goal it was a case of too little too late as the damage was already done. Auburn were two-up after eight minutes and appeared set to sweep the hapless Berries off their feet. Canterbury, however, did not give up and stretched the Auburn defence to the fullest, but to no avail as Brady marshalled his rearguard in splendid fashion and goalie Taylor handled the wet ball confidently. This was a rugged, hard fought match which never rose to great heights, but always held the interest of the small crowd as the result was in doubt right up to the final whistle, although the Berries rallied too late. Zivkovic and Montgomery were the pick of a plucky Canterbury side.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 400.

— BILL HENDERSON

Bitterly cold gusty winds made good soccer almost impossible. Although they played with the wind in the first half, Ryde never got close. In fact it was goalie Cajkusic who had to show his best to push a couple of well placed drives from the United forwards over the bar. Ryde never looked comfortable against a rugged, hard-tackling South Coast defence which welcomed back Peter Wilson after three weeks' lay off with ankle injury. An early second half goal by the locals set Ryde alive, but the South Coast defence withstood the pressure and when they went further ahead with a great goal by Dunlop, the game was sewn up however hard Ryde's forwards tried in the dying stages.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,268.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

This "Italian derby" was a real fizzer, and although Marconi took both points they hardly deserved them on their performance. In 90 minutes of football there were only three kicks that could be called shots at goals — two by Marconi and one by APIA. A draw would have certainly been a much fairer result, but Marconi won the points because they tried hardest. Stan Ackerley and Pat Hughes in midfield won the biggest share of the ball for APIA in the first half, but although Terry Butler did his best, he couldn't achieve much against Barry Taylor. For Marconi, the last line of defence of Moschen and Curran was impregnable, while Ray Richards showed flashes of brilliance in m'd.fld. Referee Tony Faraone had quite a task controlling the constant niggling and kicking amongst players.

Referee: A. Faraone.

Crowd: 3,128.

— CHARLES SPITERI

After scoring two goals into the gale in the first half, St. George failed to impress in the second and barely deserved their 2-1 win. Much of the credit for containing them went to Jim Rooney, who read the game to perfection and bobbed up like magic wherever the need was greatest. In the 77th minute he had the ball crossed in the goal area, and three of his forwards struck at it and all missed. Otis Abonyi worked with great skill and drive, and was the power behind the Saints' attack. Their first goal came from a penalty awarded against Jan Tuimman, and the second from a typically precise Mike Denton shot. St. George badly missed Denton's livewire presence when he was replaced in the second half.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 765.

— KEITH GILMOUR

This was little more than a practice match for the champions-elect. An obviously demoralised Pan Hellenic offered no serious resistance and the result was never in doubt once Muniz gave Hakoah an early lead. The bitterly cold, windy conditions and the one-sided nature of the game were not conducive for particularly exciting soccer, but Baartz's two well-taken goals and the dazzling move which led to Watkiss' were well worth the discomfort of a winter's afternoon at Wentworth Park. Some will claim that the punishment meted out to Pan Hellenic affected their play, but one wonders whether even if under normal circumstances they would have been able to stand up to the ruthless Hakoah machine. One also wonders who will ever beat Hakoah this year . . .

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 3,880.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	12	3	2	48	19	27
South Sydney	12	3	2	44	22	27
Prague	9	5	2	34	18	23
APIA	9	4	3	32	10	22
Wests	9	4	3	42	15	22
St. George	7	4	5	28	25	18
SCU	4	8	5	32	35	16
Marconi	7	2	7	18	33	9
Auburn	4	3	10	18	26	11
Pan Hellenic	4	1	12	20	37	9
Canterbury	1	3	13	17	56	5
Ryde	—	—	—	14	14	56

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	13	1	3	52	20	27
Granville	10	5	2	38	20	25
Corinthians	11	2	4	55	24	24
Melita Eagles	11	2	4	33	21	24
Balgownie	8	3	6	38	29	19
Atany	7	2	5	25	16	16
Guildford	7	2	8	32	35	16
Polonia	7	1	9	41	39	15
Bankstown	7	1	9	29	31	15
Artarmon	4	3	10	20	41	10
NS-Inter	3	1	13	17	57	7
Concordia	2	2	13	21	60	6

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	14	2	1	57	11	30
Manly	13	1	2	46	10	30
Granville	9	3	4	25	23	21
Balgownie	8	2	7	26	18	18
Sutherland	7	4	6	31	23	18
Melita Eagles	8	1	8	32	20	17
Artarmon	6	1	8	32	27	17
Corinthians	7	3	7	22	18	17
Guildford	5	4	8	25	27	14
Polonia	4	2	11	26	40	13
NS-Inter	2	2	12	12	42	9
Concordia	—	—	—	15	3	88

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	11	2	1	51	13	21
Warringah	9	3	2	34	15	21
Riverside R.	8	4	2	60	22	20
Gladesville R.	8	2	4	44	23	20
NS-Inter	6	2	6	25	18	14
Newtown	6	—	6	36	27	12
Concord Park	5	1	7	21	29	11
Yagoona	4	—	8	28	43	8
Kewpie	2	2	10	19	54	6
South Sydney	—	—	—	14	4	72

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Ryde	16	—	1	69	20	32
Queens Park	13	4	1	53	16	31
Chelsea	13	4	—	59	12	30
Blacktown	9	1	7	36	27	19
Nepean	8	3	6	38	32	19
Sydney Uni.	6	3	8	49	31	15
Bondi	6	3	8	42	37	15
Maroubra	6	3	8	41	47	15
Dee Why	4	1	12	29	45	9
Auburn	3	1	17	40	9	9
Firfield-Kiev	3	1	12	28	41	8
Lidcombe	1	—	16	4	97	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	12	3	2	49	15	27
Padstow Park	12	2	3	46	30	26
W. St. George	10	4	3	52	19	24
Arncliffe RSL	12	—	5	65	27	24
Macquarie Uni.	10	2	4	42	27	22
Eastwood	8	5	4	42	29	21
Thornleigh	7	1	9	30	41	15
Ku-ring-gai	5	3	9	28	22	13
Toongabbie	5	3	9	34	42	13
Kogarah	4	2	14	32	43	11
Greenside	2	2	12	28	68	6
Liverpool	—	—	—	17	11	94

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

	(Second and Third Grades)
South Sydney v. Wests	1-0 0-0
Canterbury v. Auburn	1-0 2-4
Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah	0-1 0-0
Prague v. St. George	2-1 0-1
APIA v. Marconi	2-0 0-2
SCU v. Ryde	8-1 1-4

SECOND DIVISION

	(All Grades)
NS-Inter v. A'mon	3-0 0-3 0-1
G'ford v. Balgownie	3-2 1-2 1-1
S'land v. Concordia	3-0 5-2 11-0
B'town v. Granville	2-0 2-2 1
Manly v. Corinthians	1-3 1-0 1-0
Melita v. Polonia	1-0 3-1 3-0

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION CORINTHIANS CAN BEAT PROMOTION FAVORITES

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Sutherland streaked away once again to a two-point clear margin at the top of the table, following the unexpected defeat of Granville at Bankstown.

The fine win by North Sydney-Inter over Artarmon leaves Concordia at the bottom of the ladder and the loser of this week's clash between the two clubs can start packing their bags for Third Division next season.

Last week's match reports:

NS-Inter v. Artarmon 3-0

NS-Inter gave one of their best performances of the season in convincingly beating Artarmon.

Inter took control from the outset, and after Valdemar scored the first goal after 15 minutes, they never seemed in any danger.

Bruno Spresian missed a penalty, but two goals in the second half by Nicky Nimac sealed two valuable points.

NS-Inter: Markulin, Foster, Gray, Randy, Mucillo, Ardzewski, Spresian, Polletto, Valdemar (1), Smit, Nimac (2).
Artarmon: McKechie, Amor, M. Nacinovic, MacGuinness, Quinn, Liddell, Lowe, McAlpine (Lynch), K. Nacinovic, Morgan, Williams.

Bankstown v. Granville 2-0

Two second half goals against the strong wind by Bankstown clipped off two valuable points from Granville.

Bankstown grabbed the midfield initiative straight from the kick-off and never

let go, Bobby Madden and Paul Fitzpatrick succeeding where many failed when they completely subdued Granville's forwards.

In the first half when Bankstown played with the wind, Alan Maher made two spectacular saves to prevent the determined Bankstown forwards from scoring.

Jimmy Roberts, the Bankstown winger, was sent off with four minutes to go.

Bankstown: Amor, Farrell, Fitzgerald, Madden, Fitzpatrick, O'Connor, Roberts, Martin, Dellar (1), White, Goose (1).

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Biglands, Brown, Staunton, De Santi, Vrolyks (Loftus), Gippert, Schauman, O'Neill, Lee.

Sutherland v. Concordia 3-0

Sutherland had an easy task against bottom of the table Concordia and scored two goals after only 12 minutes.

Concordia never stopped trying, but they hardly tested goalie Hughes with anything worthwhile.

Actually, it was good goal-keeping by Fred Wupper that saved Concordia from a much bigger defeat.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett (1), De Bruin, Smith (1) (Jordan), Piggott, Lavan, Johnson (1), MacKnight, Suggat.

Concordia: Wupper, Filter, Auras, Gassner (Kappacher),

Tarver, Baumgartner, Doller, Brandner, McMillan, Erasmus, Sommer.

Melita Eagles v. Polonia 1-0

Melita's goal — 10 minutes from the start — came from a shot by John Duffy which hit defender Bill Zanis on its way into the net.

The Eagles held a slight edge on Polonia throughout and although Polonia had a few chances, Melita deserved the points.

Melita Eagles: Hosowski, Knaus (Spence), Hewlett, MacAusland, Edwards, Duffy (1), Beattie, MacDougall, MacCallum, Cunningham, Azopardi.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski, Zanis, Starek, Komoder, Skoric, Szmidt, Minol, Polewski, Wozniczko.

Manly v. Corinthians 1-3

Corinthians were one goal up within eight minutes when Johnstone netted and although Russell equalised from a penalty, Michael Cairns smashed home a perfect cross from Collins for a 2-1 lead at half-time.

Corinthians continued to hold the upper hand although Manly came back into the game in the second half for short periods before Graham Barnett sealed the result with another good goal.

Manly: Gee, Newall, Russell (1), Ridding, Hutchinson

(Gallagher), McGill, Crawford, Boden, Hay, Malam, Jones (Woods).

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Haggatt, Peachey, Cilia, Jaeger, Reynolds, Barnett (1) (McEnally), Johnstone (1), Collins, Cairns (1).

Guildford v. Balgownie 3-2

Guildford clinched their shock victory with a determined first half effort when they ran away to a commanding 3-0 lead with two goals by Graham Hann and one by Ray Bligh.

Balgownie fought back in the second half and scored two goals in the last 12 minutes, but some spectacular saves by goalkeeper Robbie Hoskins denied them the equaliser.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Pierce, Brincat, Jack, Schofield, Gazibegovic, Hann (2), Morley, Wood, Bligh (1).

THIS WEEK

Most interesting and important match of round 18 is the clash between Corinthian and Sutherland at the SCG No. 2.

A Sutherland loss would throw the competition wide open again, but a win would certainly put the club in a most enviable position.

Both teams are playing well and the game will certainly be close, but Corinthian, with ground advantage, could just sneak in.

Another match that by tradition is always close is the Granville v. Balgownie clash at Garside Park, but Granville should get back on the winning list.

In the other matches, Melita, Bankstown and NS-Inter get our nod while Polonia and Manly may play a draw.

LEADING SCORERS

M. CAIRNS (Corinthians)	16
G. HANN (Guildford)	14
S. WOZNICZKO (Polonia)	14
J. CACCIOLA (Sutherland)	12
P. DELLAR (Bankstown)	12
N. MCCUE (Balgownie)	12
C. POTTER (Corinthians)	11
C. LEE (Granville)	10

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14	
Sutherland v. Gladesville	1-0
St. George v. Granville	0-1
Kur-ring-gai v. Nepean	1-1
Manly v. Bankstown	0-2
Sh. Districts v. Canterbury	0-4
UNDER-15	
Sutherland v. Gladesville	0-3
St. George v. Granville	1-4
Kur-ring-gai v. Nepean	2-1
Manly v. Bankstown	2-4
Sh. Districts v. Canterbury	6-0
UNDER-16	
Sutherland v. Gladesville	1-3
St. George v. Granville	4-0
Kur-ring-gai v. Nepean	1-0
Manly v. Bankstown	0-4
Sh. Districts v. Canterbury	0-1

Western Suburbs had a bye in all grades.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 15th round coming up this weekend are as follows:—

Saturday: Wilhelmina v. Box Hill (Jubilee Park), Polonia v. Lions (Maribynong), Alexander v. JUST (Olympic Park).

Sunday: George Cross v. SM Hellas (Schantler Reserve), Croatia v. Juventus (Olympic Park), Hakoah v. Melbourne (Middle Park).

John Kennedy, who returned to Scotland a couple of months ago with intentions of staying for good, recently returned to Australia, and is once again back in his usual place — between the sticks for Alexander.

Bela Pinter, a Hungarian-born player who came to Melbourne-HSC early this year and played several first team games for the Hungarian-sponsored side, recently did a vanishing trick and cleared off back to Europe without officially informing the club of his intentions.

Len Johnson, the popular Melbourne representative of Ad-das, recently received a call from John Kennedy, the Hawthorn Australian Rules club coach, to act as referee in a practice soccer game between the Hawthorn players. Len duly obliged by doing the stint on a Sunday morning.

John McDaid, the former George Cross fullback, had until recently been missing from the Melbourne-HSC line-up since late last season. Reason being that his job had prevented him from regular training. Now with Bob Dobbing's injury, the former Clydebank player is back in circulation in Melbourne's first team through some relaxation of his overtime at work.

Jimmy Milisajevic, the JUST goalie, and John Mracinkiewicz, who fills the leftwing berth for the same club, are both products of the club's junior ranks and both are Australian-born.

Grant McGregor, the former Slavia player now with Box Hill, has recently returned to Australia after a very brief visit back to his hometown in Scotland following the death of his mother.

Hans Van Egmond, the Wilhelmina and Victorian goalkeeper who broke some bones in his hand in the Victoria v. English FA match after a clash with Chilton, is now back in training. Van Egmond, however, will have to fight hard to get his place back as Tommy Carmichael, the former Auburn 'keeper, is playing well for the Ringwood side.

Walter Gerrard, the Scottish-born six-foot centre whom Wilhelmina recruited from Hong Kong soccer eight weeks ago, has still to make his debut for the club. But it won't be long now before Gerrard, who is recovering from a torn ligament, gets into action as he has recently restarted training.

Brian Adlam, a former first team winger with Croatia several years ago before joining Slavia, is back with Croatia, playing with the reserves and helping out with the second string.

Last week's results:—
JUST 3 (Lukic 2, Zoraja) d. Hakoah 0, Melbourne-HSC 1 (Szabo) d. Box Hill 0, George Cross 2 (Kelly, Paul) d. Wilhelmina 1 (Ollerton), Croatia 3 (Mackay, Kuzilek, Williams) d. Alexander 0, SM Hellas 1 (Pyrgolios) d. Polonia 0, Juventus 4 (Webster, Frost, Thomson, Smart) d. Lions 0.

Sydney Third Division

MARRICKVILLE'S BIG REVIVAL

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Three goals each from Steve Ramsay and Ron Horan carried Marrickville to a 6-1 win over North Bankstown at Mackey Park.

The win takes them six points ahead of Norths, and so far clear of the relegation zone that they are not far behind the top four!

After five straight losses, Marrickville have had four wins, seven draws and one defeat since George McCulloch began coaching them.

Last Saturday, Dennis Duncan and Andy Pondakas controlled the midfield, and the Marrickville forwards finished off like champions.

They raced to a 4-0 lead, conceded one goal, and then piled on two more.

Outside left Graham Gibb scored twice for Revesby Workers in their 3-2 win over Campbelltown. Unfortunately for Revesby, Gibb leaves shortly on an overseas trip.

However, Ron Moody is back on deck and he is starting to make his presence felt.

Greg Gill, after being knocked out in an incident which escaped the referee's observation, came back into the game and had an excellent match.

RESULTS

Acliff Scots v. W. Sland	0-0	1-1
M/Ville v. N. Bankstown	6-1	1-4
Revesby W. v. C/belltown	3-2	2-3
Belmore v. Enmore	3-2	3-1
Lane Cove v. N. Dist.	4-0	1-2
Wenty v. Banks City	1-2	4-0

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Enmore v. Arncliffe
M/Ville v. Mackey Park
Sutherland v. Marrickville
Seymour Shaw Park: Banks City v. Belmore — Soccer Centre.

Sunday: North Bankstown v. Revesby Workers — George Green; Campbelltown v. Northern Districts — Campbelltown Showground; Wenty v. Lane Cove — Jones Park.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Gladesville Ravens crushed by leaders

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Rosebery Rhodes took a firm grasp on the ship by gaining a comfortable 4-1 over Gladesville of 400 at Peel Park.

Rosebery led 3-0 when operating with the strong wind in the first half.

They went to 4-0 before Gladesville scored their consolation goal with only two minutes remaining.

Football was good considering the conditions, and rarely did either team resort to using the long ball.

Nick Tsingolas (2), John Mavros and Joe Athanassou were Rosebery's scorers.

Full marks go to Jim Kontos and George Kahagiar who withstood Gladesville's strongest pressure when it was the Ravens' turn to use the wind.

YAGOONA'S WIN

Yagoona forced their way out of the relegation zone with a 4-3 win over Granville: Kewpies.

Kewpies led 3-1 with the wind, but conceded three goals without reply in the second half.

Yagoona's goals came from Ray Campbell, Keith Lewis, Steve Smith and Alan McMahon.

The winning goal, an excellent effort, came when McMahon received from the right wing, beat his man, and slammed home a strong shot.

FOUR GOALS

John Entwistle scored four of Chelsea's goals in their 7-0 win over Lidcombe.

Although bound for relegation Lidcombe has continued to enjoy their games, and their sportsmanship remains a credit to the club.

Macquarie University scored a superb goal and used the wind to great advantage in gaining a 1-0 win over leader Greenwich at the Gore Creek ground.

First Division premier- Ravens before a crowd

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION	
Riverside v. Sh. Sydney	13-0
Yagoona v. Kewpies	4-3
Ravens v. Rosebery	1-4
Uni. NSW v. Condell Pk.	1-1
SECOND DIVISION	
Bondi v. Queens Park	1-2
Sydney Uni. v. Nepean	4-1
Auburn v. Blacktown	1-3
Lidcombe v. Chelsea	0-5
Maroubra v. West Ryde	1-5
Dee Why v. Fairfield-Kiev	2-0
THIRD DIVISION	
Thornleigh v. Toongabbie	3-4
Kur-ring-gai v. Acliff RSL	1-2
Liverpool v. Padstow Pk.	0-5
G'wich v. Macquarie Uni.	0-1
Greenacre v. W. St. Geo.	2-2
Kogarah v. Eastwood	1-2

THIS WEEK	
Saturday: Warringah v. Rapid	—
Dee Why Oval: South Sydney v. Kewpies — Booralee Park;	—
Queens Park v. Lidcombe	—
Queens Park 3; West Ryde v. Nepean — Meadowbank 3; Auburn Juniors v. Sydney Uni. — Progress Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Thornleigh — Macquarie University; Padstow Park v. Kogarah — Kelsio 10.	—
Sunday: Rosebery Rhodes v. Newtown — Turnovall Park; Condell Park v. Ravens — Soccer Centre; Uni. NSW v. Yagoona — David Phillips Field; Fairfield-Kiev v. Bondi — Knights Park; Chelsea v. Maroubra — Moore Park 13; Blacktown v. Dee Why — Francis Park; Eastwood v. Greenwiche — Sommersville Park; Toongabbie v. Greenacre — Girraween Oval; West St. George v. Arncliffe RSL — Bexley Oval; Liverpool City v. Kur-ring-gai — Jardine Park.	—

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Prague

0 (0)

WESTS

2 (1)

Spiekerman 17 min., Smith 61 min.

St. George

2 (0)

Alston 77 min., Denton 84 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

Marconi

5 (3)

Cudek 4, 9 and 75 mins., Danajevits 30 min., Campbell 83 min.

P. Hellenic

3 (1)

McCulloch 40 min., Parkin 58 min., G. Manuel 76 min.

Ryde

2 (2)

Waters 23 min., J. Alagich 32 min.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

Sth. Coast

2 (1)

Dunlop 4 min., McGunnigle 54 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

1 (0)

Watkins 87 min.

South Sydney

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Tuinman 4, McDonald 3, Henderson 3, Zeman 4, Rootes 3, Blanco 3, Armytage 4, Rooney 5, Ridley 3, Walsh 3, Reilly 3:

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Kinnell 4, Smith 4, Byles 3, Guildea 4, Blue 4, Spiekerman 4, Jack 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * *

Reilly 4, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 3, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Ainslie 3, Hamilton 3, Abonyi 3, Hogg 3, Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * *

Selfridge 4, Stewart 4, Malone 3 (Simpson 2), Brady 4, Hucker 4, Treacey 2, Trail 2, Schneider 2, Rogers 3, McDonald 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Rorke 4, Jones 3, Curran 4, Moschen 4, Taylor 3, Cudek 5, Giacometti 4 (replaced Danajevits 39 min.), Richards 4, Campbell 3, Burns 4, Griffith 3.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * *

Maglis 4, Hanson 3, Hignett 4, Barboutis 4, H. Xipolitas 4, Parkin 3, Thorne 3, Harding 3, G. Manuel 3, McCulloch 4, Cullodon 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * *

Cajkusic 3, Crnic 3, I. Rudie 5, Nacinovic 2, Trkulja 3, Rafanelli 4, J. Alagich 3, Takac 3, Edwards 4, F. Rudie 3, Waters 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Match rating: * * *

McQuire 4, McGillivray 3, Bird 4, Ackerley 4, Burnett 2, Lee 4, Steel 3, McKinnon 3, Butler 3, Pollard 3, Bright 3 (Madrusan 50 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Bayliss.

Match rating: * * *

Cummings 4, Wilson 3, Tuckerman 3, Walker 3, Gleeson 4, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 4, McAvoy 3, Tolson 4, Harvey 4, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * * *

Demopoulos 4, Raeburn 3, Bamforth 4, Scheinflug 3, Kulak 3 (Zivkovic 75 min.), Hardy 3, Blitz 2, Keri 4, Pocock 3, Whitehead 3, Thompson 3 (Montgomery 65 min., sent off 83 min.).

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * *

Haffey 4, Yaager 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Lynch 4, Muniz 2, Yardley 2, Keddie 3, Baartz 5, Rutherford 2.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 5, Ashurst 4, Susa 4, Shepherd 4, Archibald 4, Doyle 4, Kobesack 2 (McLean 2), Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 2, Taylor 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: M. Kiss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

In successive matches Prague have been good enough to get within one goal of St. George and two goals of Wests, and both are certain "final four" clubs. Against Wests they played constructively even though first team regulars Geoff Harcombe, David Weir and John Butler were out with 'flu. Once again they showed full mastery when it came to playing into an almost gale force wind. Seven of the eleven players who performed so impressively are Australian-trained footballers. One, Stephen McDonald, was held over for the main match after playing in the third team. This is not written to deprive playmaster Jim Rooney of the kudos that is due to him. Surely it shows that the Prague policy initiated through Stefan Cambal and Joe Venglos can pay off in time — for all clubs.

Referee: A. Farane.

Crowd: 405.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Luck bestowed its favors on St. George who could easily have lost without a murmur. Ill at ease once again on a slippery pitch, Saints were let off the hook when Reilly brilliantly saved a penalty kick by Schneider. In the 77th minute, Brian Taylor's only mistake of the match let Alston in with the first goal before Denton sealed the result with an off-side goal. Auburn, however, deserve little sympathy as they only have themselves to blame. Their forwards missed "sitter" after "sitter" to ruin good lead-up work which had an unusually shaky St. George defence backpedalling for long periods. Saints also had their chances, but they were thwarted by their former 'keeper, Taylor, who made some world-class saves. Reilly's brilliant save off Schneiders' penalty in the 62nd minute was the turning point of a match which came to life only in the second half after a scrappy first period.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 1,016.

— LOU GAUTIER

Still with an outside chance of making the semifinals, Marconi produced some of the best attacking football seen at Marconi Oval this season. As they found Pan Hellenic in the same frame of mind, the match developed into 90 minutes of exciting and thrilling football seldom seen in these days of negative defensive and spoiling tactics. John Cudek, playing a midfield role, capped an outstanding performance by scoring three goals. He never put a foot wrong, and the prodigies of Richards and Curran kept the Marconi attack flowing. Pan Hellenic, although always behind, kept themselves within striking distance until the end, but on the day few teams in Sydney would have stood up better to the all-conquering determination of the Marconi side.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 3,700.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Not being pushed to their considerable limits, Ryde decided to have a carefree afternoon and damn the 2,400 spectators. Sensing that the dramatically rejuvenated APIA just couldn't trouble them, Ryde seldom rose above the loafing level. APIA tried valiantly, but without very much hope of success: their green forwards were easily subdued by the Ryde defence even in this phlegmatic mood. Occasionally the match sank to mediocre amateur levels, and in this the Ryde constellation of stars were the guilty party. Had they tried, they could have won by a mile and give the small crowd at least some sort of a spectacle. As it was, the only interest in the match was to see how this young APIA could stand its ground.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 2,400.

— PAUL DEAN

A one-sided affair from start to finish as South Coast made all the play. Canterbury were forced to defend doggedly and were only able to keep the score down because they sprung the off-side trap effectively. These tactics, however, helped ruin the game as a spectacle. A fluke goal by Dunlop in the 4th minute gave South Coast the confidence they needed. Dunlop intended a cross to Tolson from 35 metres, but somehow, screwed the ball over the head of the advancing Demopoulos into the net. Canterbury never displayed their once legendary fighting spirit, and in the image of captain-coach Les Scheinflug, appeared to give up after United's second goal.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 2,367.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

Hakoah made hard work of their win and were saved on the bell only when John Watkiss cracked in one of his now characteristic goals to clinch the two points. The game had seemed certain to end in a draw which would have flattered Souths who have goalie Ron Corry to thank for staying so long in the match. Corry stopped everything Hakoah, especially Baartz, threw at him, and thoroughly frustrated his opponents. South Sydney concentrated on defence straight from the kick-off and were seldom seen in attack. At times their defenders resorted to unnecessarily tough methods and referee Shiba was kept busy throughout. Hakoah played well below their best. Wingers Muniz and Rutherford were out of touch and Yardley was never dangerous.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 3,991.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	13	3	2	51	20	29
South Sydney	12	3	3	45	25	27
Prague	10	5	2	36	18	25
APIA	10	4	2	34	11	24
Wests	9	4	4	42	17	22
St. George	8	4	5	29	25	20
SCU	5	8	5	38	37	18
Marconi	7	3	3	22	17	17
Auburn	4	3	11	18	27	11
Pan Hellenic	4	2	12	21	38	10
Canterbury	1	3	14	19	62	5
Ryde	1	—	15	15	58	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	13	2	3	35	19	28
Auburn	12	3	3	39	17	27
Wests	9	5	4	30	18	23
Hakoah	11	2	6	32	21	23
South Sydney	10	2	6	40	16	22
St. George	9	3	5	27	17	21
Marconi	9	2	6	27	18	20
Ryde	6	2	23	40	14	14
SCU	3	12	22	37	9	9
APIA	2	5	11	20	36	9
Canterbury	3	2	13	20	49	8
Pan Hellenic	2	4	12	10	37	8

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	14	1	1	53	20	29
Granville	11	5	2	39	20	27
Melita Eagles	12	2	4	39	22	26
Corinthians	11	2	5	55	25	24
Balgownie	8	3	7	38	30	19
Polonia	8	1	7	47	41	17
Bankstown	8	1	9	31	31	17
Manly	6	4	8	27	31	16
Guildford	7	2	3	33	42	16
Artarmon	3	1	11	20	43	10
NS-Inter	3	2	13	21	59	8
Concordia	2	3	13	23	62	7

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	12	5	3	37	24	28
Manly	12	2	4	30	24	28
Sutherland	12	2	4	50	26	26
Balgownie	11	4	3	36	20	26
Granville	9	4	4	36	24	22
Guildford	9	1	8	37	36	19
Artarmon	6	4	8	29	32	16
Melita Eagles	6	3	9	31	39	15
Corinthians	5	1	12	26	37	11
Polonia	4	10	32	45	11	11
Concordia	4	1	13	23	64	9
NS-Inter	—	2	16	12	41	2

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	15	2	1	59	11	32
Manly	14	4	1	51	11	32
Granville	9	4	4	26	24	22
Sutherland	8	4	6	33	23	20
Balgownie	8	3	7	27	19	17
Melita Eagles	8	2	7	33	42	10
Corinthians	7	3	8	22	20	17
Artarmon	5	1	9	22	29	17
Guildford	5	1	9	26	28	15
NS-Inter	4	1	16	42	11	11
Polonia	4	2	12	27	46	10
Concordia	—	1	16	3	92	1

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	9	4	4	32	19	22
Arncliffe Scots	8	5	4	36	25	21
Campbelltown	9	3	7	27	21	21
Belmore	9	3	6	30	27	21
Nth. Districts	8	4	4	42	34	20
Enmore	8	4	6	35	32	20
W. Sutherland	6	5	3	37	35	19
Revesby W.	8	2	8	41	37	18
Marrickville	4	8	6	36	37	16
Wentby	6	2	10	36	46	14
Lane Cove	5	1	12	42	41	13
Nth. Bankstown	3	12	27	45	9	9

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	12	2	1	53	13	26
Warringah	9	4	2	35	16	22
Riverside R.	8	5	2	61	23	21
Gladesville R.	8	3	7	42	21	21
Uni. NSW	7	2	6	27	19	16
Newtown	6	2	7	26	29	12
Condell Park	5	2	7	24	32	12
Yagoua	4	—	10	39	45	8
Kewpie	2	3	10	21	56	7
South Sydney	—	1	14	6	74	1

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Ryde	17	1	1	73	21	34
Queens Park	16	1	1	71	16	33
Chelsea	14	4	—	64	13	31
Blacktown	10	1	7	38	27	19
Nepean	8	3	7	39	36	19
Sydney Uni.	7	1	8	32	31	17
Bondi	6	4	8	44	39	16
Maroubra	6	3	9	42	52	15
Dee Why	4	1	13	29	47	9
Fairfield-Kiev	3	12	30	63	9	9
Auburn	3	3	12	17	43	9
Lidcombe	1	—	17	4	115	2

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	17	1	1	73	21	34
W. St. George	11	4	3	58	23	26
Padstow Park	12	2	4	47	32	24
Arncliffe RSL	11	2	4	43	27	24
Macquarie Uni.	8	5	4	43	35	21
Eastwood	8	5	4	43	35	21
Ku-ring-gai	6	3	9	32	23	15
Toongabbie	6	3	9	39	44	15
Thornleigh	7	1	10	30	42	15
Kogarah	5	1	10	34	44	13
Greenacre	2	2	13	30	73	6
Liverpool	—	—	18	12	98	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION CLASSY POLONIA CAN OUTSMART SUTHERLAND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Competition leaders Sutherland overcame one of their biggest hurdles with their 1-0 defeat of Corinthians, which eliminated the losers from the 1971 promotion race.

Granville kept winning distance by winning with a late goal against Balgownie, and Melita Eagles revenge their first round defeat by trouncing Guildford 6-1.

Highlights of last week's matches:

Artarmon v. Bankstown 0-2

Artarmon gave Bankstown a hard and rugged game, but with the exception of the first 15 minutes Bankstown had the game well under control.

Left-winger Bobby Goose scored both goals — one in each half — to give the Towns a reasonably comfortable victory.

Bankstown: Amory, Fitzgerald, Fitzpatrick, Farrell (Williams), Madden, O'Connor, White, Roberts, Martin, Dellar (Price), Goose (2).

Corinthians v. Sutherland 0-1

Although Sutherland beat Corinthians by the narrowest of margins, the score is not a real indication of play as only a good performance by goalie Duncan Wilson saved them from a bigger defeat.

Corinthians went well in the opening stages, but their forwards were tightly marked and their shots at goal were few and far between. Bobby MacKnight headed in a cross by Alan Piggott

in the first half, and only good saves by Wilson in the second half kept the nippy Sutherland forwards out.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Haggett, Peachey, Cilia, Jagger, Reynolds, Barnett, Johnstone, Collins, Cairns.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin, Smith, Piggott, Lavan, Johnson (Jordan), MacKnight (1), Suggett.

Polonia v. Manly 6-2

Brilliant performances by Szmidt and Wozniczko gave Polonia a runaway victory over the usually sound Manly.

Manly started well and were first to attack early in the game, but once Wozniczko scored his first goal in the 10th minute, Manly faltered and were never really back in the game.

Polonia led 3-1 at half-time and soon after the resumption made it 4-1, and although Manly hit back with a goal by Malam, Polonia continued to dominate with the speedy Wozniczko notching four goals.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski (1), Zuni, Starck, Komodor, Skorik, Minol, Szmidt, Chodkiewicz (1), Wozniczko (4).

Manly: Gee, Newall, Russell, Ridding, Hutchinson, McGill, Crawford, Boden, Jones (1), Malam (1), Downes.

Melita Eagles v. Guildford 6-1

Two goals within five minutes by Ian MacDougall put paid to any hopes Guildford had of repeating their first round victory.

The Eagles had too many guns for Guildford and to make things worse, the ball bounced unkindly for Guildford.

Melita led 4-0 at half-time and went on to 6-0 until minutes from time when Jeff Morley scored the consolation goal for the losers.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Spence, Hewlett, McAusland (1), Edwards, Duffy, Beattie (1), Cunningham, McCallum, McDougall (4), Azopardi.

Guildford: Hoskins, Nelson, Pierce, Brincat, Jack, Schofield, Gazibegovic (Shepherd), Hann, Morley (1), Wood, Bligh.

Granville v. Balgownie 1-0

A goal by Clive Lee 12 minutes from the end kept Granville in the fight for promotion after a hard game.

Balgownie played well in the first half, and at one time Ray Hawkins cleared off the line.

However, in the second half Granville pulled themselves together and overall their win was not undeserved.

Granville: Maher, Creilly, Hawkins, Brown, Staunton, Di Santi, Lee (1), Gippert, Schauman, Williams, O'Neill.

Concordia v. NS-Inter 2-2

A goal two minutes into injury-time by Peter Erasmus enabled Concordia to salvage a precious point.

The goal came from an indirect free-kick, which if left alone by goalkeeper Markulin, would have been disallowed.

Concordia played the better football in the first half when they led 1-0, but Inter came back with goals from Spresian and Valdemar.

Concordia: Wupper, Auras, Varga, Filter, Tarver, Baumgartner, Kappacher, Erasmus (1), Brandtner (1), McMillan, Sommer (Doller).

NS-Inter: Markulin, Foster, Gray (Tory), Randy, Mucillo, Ardzewski, Spresian (1), Poletto, Valdemar (1), Smit, Nimac.

THIS WEEK

The match of the week is the clash between the two "form" teams Sutherland and Polonia at Seymour Shaw Park.

Sutherland should retain their competition lead if they can subdue the superb distribution of Kevin Szmidt and the speed of Stan Wozniczko, who on their day could turn defeat into a handsome victory.

Another "Derby" will be played at Guildford Park where the locals meet Granville who should win.

In other matches, Corinthians, Bankstown, Melita Eagles and Balgownie look likely winners.

LEADING SCORERS

S. WOZNICZKO (Polonia)	18
M. CAIRNS (Corinthians)	16
G. HANN (Guildford)	14
CACCIOLA (Sutherland)	12
P. DELLAR (Bankstown)	12
N. MCGUCKIN (Balgownie)	12
I. MACDOUGALL (Melita)	11
C. LEE (Granville)	11
C. POTTER (Corinthians)	11

Metropolitan Championship

FIRST DIVISION	
Warrigah v. Riverside	1-1
St. Sydney v. Kewpies	2-1
Rosebery v. Newtown	2-0
Condell Park v. Ravens	3-1
Uni. NSW v. Yagoona	2-1
SECOND DIVISION	
Queens Pk. v. Lidcombe	18-0
West Ryde v. Nepean	4-1
Auburn v. Sydney Uni.	0-3
Field-Kiev v. Bondi	2-2
Chelsea v. Maroubra	5-1
Blacktown v. Dee Why	2-0
THIRD DIVISION	
Macqu. Uni. v. Tigh	10-0
Padstow Pk. v. Kogarah	1-2
Eastwood v. Greenwick	1-4
Toongabbie v. Greenacre	5-2
W. St. Geo. v. A'cfe RSL	6-4
Liverpool v. Kuring-gal	1-4
THIS WEEK	
Saturday: Kewpies v. Warrigah Saints — Colquhoun Park; Yagoona v. South Sydney — Uni. NSW v. Blacktown — Waverley Oval 11; Lidcombe v. Fairfield-Kiev — Coleman Park; Sydney Uni. v. West Ryde — St. Pauls Oval; Thornleigh v. Eastwood — Thornleigh Oval; Greenacre v. Macquarie University — Allum Park; Kuring-gal v. West St. George — Aquith Oval.	
Sunday: Newtown v. Condell Park — Outer Westworth Park; Ravens v. Uni. NSW — Peel Park; Maroubra v. Queens Park — Coral Sea Park; Dee Why v. Auburn Juniors — Dee Why Oval; Nepean v. Chelsea — Jamieson Park; Greenwick v. Padstow Park — Gore Creek Reserve; Arncliffe RSL v. Toongabbie — Arncliffe Park; Kogarah v. Liverpool City — Bexley Oval.	

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	10	4	1	34	10	24
Croatia	11	2	2	29	11	24
Melbourne	10	2	3	25	10	22
Hellas	8	5	2	27	11	21
Juventus	6	3	6	27	26	15
Polonia	6	3	6	15	21	15
George Cross	6	3	6	21	31	15
Hakoah	5	2	8	20	20	13
Wilhelmina	5	2	8	21	25	12
Box Hill	4	3	8	21	20	10
Alexander	2	3	10	11	28	7
Lions	1	3	14	4	32	2

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 15th round coming up this weekend are as follows:—

Saturday: Wilhelmina v. Box Hill (Jubilee Park), Polonia v. Lions (Maribynong), Alexander v. JUST (Olympic Park).

Sunday: George Cross v. SM Hellas (Schintler Reserve), Croatia v. Juventus (Olympic Park), Hakoah v. Melbourne (Middle Park).

First team reserve 'keeper and regular second team goalie Victor Dressler is just 15 years of age, but belies his youth with his build. Victor is a son of Henri Dressler, who gave many years' service to Polonia both as a player and then later as secretary, and who is still connected with the game at Federation and Metropolitan level.

Hugh Gunn, who was an unknown Scottish juvenile player when he joined Croatia in 1965 with Jim Mackay, but after 18 months established himself as a first team regular in defence, has recently been out of the side for the first time for four years. Still only 26, Gunn should soon recover his best form and re-establish himself back in the first team.

Tommy Gerrard (Melbourne-HSC), who went back to the UK last year, recently wrote the club requesting a clearance to play in Scotland. But it appears now that Gerrard wants the clearance to play in the South African National League. Melbourne were agreeable to releasing Gerrard to play in Scotland, but consider the request to join a South African club as a different matter.

It looks as though the deadlock and break between Lions and their star players, Ian McCarthy, is permanent. The trouble between the pair during and after the game with Wilhelmina a few weeks ago has now reached such proportions that McCarthy was recently told to hand in his gear belonging to the club. The diminutive McCarthy, who has been a regular with the Essendon side since he joined them from Scotland three years ago, is an outstanding midfield player, and once the transfer season re-opens, more than a few clubs are likely to be after his services. Meantime, McCarthy is keeping himself fit by training and coaching a Metropolitan League team.

Croatia's long serving player — Horst Rau — officially retired from the playing side of the game when he hung up his boots after the game against Juventus at Olympic Park last Sunday week. The German-born Rau, who played for FC Heidenheim before coming to Australia to join Croat-Preston in 1961, joined Croatia on amalgamation with Croat in 1963, and has been a first team regular ever since. Horst has played well over 350 games for Croatia, scoring some 60 goals in the process. Not bad for a midfielder and defender!

Last week's results:

JUST 1 (Buljevic) v. Alexander 1 (Tayriannis), Lions (McGuinness) d. Polonia 0, Wilhelmina 3 (Cockburn, Pye, Lynn) d. Box Hill 1 (Atkins), Croatia 3 (Kuzlek, Hadzic, Vojtek) d. Juventus 2 (Smart, Delarocca), Melbourne-HSC 3 (McColgan, Bleskany, Juhasz) d. Hakoah 0, George Cross 1 (Gardiner) v. SM-Hellas 1 (Clark).

— JIM COOK

Sydney Third Division

CAMPBELLTOWN JOINT-LEADERS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Campbelltown and Belmore replaced Northern Districts and Enmore in the top four, in a weekend of topsy-turvy results.

The leaders, Banks City, on 1-1 at Campbelltown Showground, and Norths remain at the head of the spent the second half hammering away at goal.

Belmore busted their way to a 2-0 win over Banks City at the Soccer Centre.

Banks City conceded an own goal right on half-time, and saw another go in from a bounce off the post.

Terry Nutley came on in the 70th minute, and made a big difference to Arncliffe's attack against Enmore.

He picked up the equaliser in the 80th minute.

The first half had been even, with Enmore scoring just before half-time, and the game overall was of excellent standard.

Northern Districts, and Campbelltown were locked

RESULTS

Enmore v. A'cfe Scots 1-1 0-2
W. S'land v. Marrickville 1-2 0-0
Banks C. v. Belmore 0-2 0-3
N. B'town v. Revesby W. 2-3 1-2
C'beltown v. Nth. Dist. 2-1 2-4
Wenty v. Lane Cove 7-2 3-2

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Banks City — Cahill Park; Northern Districts v. North Bankstown — Englefield Stadium; Lane Cove v. Campbelltown — Pottery Green.

Sunday: Marrickville v. Enmore — Mackay Park; Revesby Workers v. West Bankstown — Bankstown Soccer Centre; Belmore v. Wenty — Rudd Park.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Too late for Uni. despite good win

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Lou Antoinelli scored the winning goal for University of NSW against Yagoona at David Phillips Field last Sunday with a 20 metre drive that flashed into goal just under the crossbar.

Yagoona's goal had come from a goalmouth scramble following a dangerous corner.

Wales' new coach, Andy Holsman, was very strong at centre-half.

Asian student Terry Ng, transferred from outside-right to left-half, revelled in the hard going.

University have left their run too late, as the First Division final four seems well set.

A fine team effort by the Chelsea players saw them run out 5-1 winners against Maroubra at Moore Park.

Maroubra gave a rugged display, but clearly tired towards the end.

John Stansfield netted twice for Chelsea including a penalty, and John Gormley, Graham Robertson and Hughie Tulloch scored one each.

Dave Anderson took over at centre-half for Dee Why due to Mike Speed's illness.

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Blacktown turned on their best football and deserved their 2-0 win.

Ricky Cantor, the Dee Why 'keeper, gave his best display yet to hold down the score.

Keith Lockrey controlled the Greenwick-Eastwood game at Eastwood Oval, and his display was greatly appreciated by the teams and added lustre to a good match.

Greenwich was in for a goal in the 21st minute, and Eastwood replied in the 35th, and in the 65th.

Then came a penalty in the 70th minute, these three goals all being from Fred Handley.

Tony Foster got a further Greenwick goal with five minutes to go.

With two strikers and two defenders out, team spirit carried Kogarah to a 2-1 win over Padstow Park.

Clive Lee picked his spot for a great goal from 25 metres out, and Steve Wallis got the other with a cross that was nicely carried into goal by the obiding breeze.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Marconi

2 (1)

Cudek 20 min., Richards 72 min.

Prague

0 (0)

Hakoah

4 (2)

Yardley 37 min., Watkiss 44 min., Rutherford 50 min., Keddie 72 min.

Auburn

1 (0)

Malone 58 min.

Sth. Coast

2 (1)

Wilson 40 min., Dunlop 64 min.

P. Hellenic

3 (1)

Harding 35 min., Clarke 56 min., Hignett 80 min. (penalty)

WESTS

0 (0)

St. George

2 (0)

Hamilton 53 min., Abonyi 70 min.

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)

Butler 45 min., Pollard 90 min.

Canterbury

2 (1)

Mullen 44 min., Pocock 85 min.

Ryde

2 (1)

J. Alagich 34 and 73 mins.

South Sydney

1 (1)

Doyle 9 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Rourke 4, Jones 3, Curran 4, Moschen 3, Taylor 3, Cudek 4, Danajevits 3 (Robertson 52 min.), Richards 5, Campbell 4, Burns 3, Griffith 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * * *

Tuinman 4, Harcombe 4, Henderson 4, Zeman 3, McDonald 3, Rootey 3, Armytage 2, Ridley 3, Tooma 3 (Weir 67 min.), Rooney 5, Reilly 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Haffey 3, Davey 3, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Fekete 3, Muniz 4 (McNamee 65 min.), Yardley 5, Keddie 4, Baartz 4, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 42.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3 (Strachan 81 min.), Stewart 3, Malone 4, Brady 4 (Lawson 74 min.), Hucker 4, Trail 2, Schneider 3, Rogers 3, McDonald 3, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Cummings 4, Wilson 4, Tuckerman 4, Walker 2, Gleeson 3, Galbraith 3, Dunlop 4, McAvoy 2, Tolson 3, Harvey 3, McGinnigle 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * *

Maglis 3, Hanson 3, Hignett 3, Parkin 3, H. Xipolitas 3, Cullen 3, Thorne 4, Harding 4, McCulloch 4, G. Manuel 3, Clarke 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Kelly 4, Van Blerk 3, Kinnell 4, Guildea 5, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 3, Blue 3, Byles 2, Turner 2, Spiekerman 3, Jack 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Match rating: * * *

Reilly 3, Harris 4, Schaefer 4, Utjesenovic 4, Williams 4, Hamilton 3, Ainslie 3, Hogg 4, Abonyi 5, Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

McQuire 4 (Iro 64 min.), Lee 4, Ackerley 3, McKinnon 3, Russell 4, Forster 3 (Steele 80 min.), Butler 5, Bright 2, Burnett 3, Pollard 4, McGillivray 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Bayliss.

Match rating: * * *

Demonoulos 4, Whitehead 4, Raeburn 3, Zivkovic 3, J. Xipolitas 4, Hardy 4, Mullen 3, Keri 3, Pocock 4, Bamforth 3 (Thompson 67 min.), Montgomery 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: K. Kulak.

Cajkusic 3, Crnic 4, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 4, I. Rudic 3, Rafanelli 4, J. Alagich 3, Edwards 2, M. Alagich 3, Takac 5, Waters 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 3, Ashurst 3, Susa 4, Shepherd 3, Archibald 4, Doyle 4, Taylor 3, Wright 3, Harris 3, Sullivan 3, McLean 2 (Kobescek 80 min.).

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: M. Kiss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The intriguing part of this interesting encounter was the reaction of Jim Rooney to the match-winning effort of Marconi's Ray Richards. In the first half, when Prague still had the force to work constructively, Rooney was as usual the heart of his team. There was no need for him to adopt a mainly defensive role. Then Richards was in top gear. His shooting power and will to win were all-conquering. His craft was in full view as he beat his opponents with a dozen different plays. Rooney took him on, using every muscle and nerve in an effort to dispossess Richards and limit his effectiveness. To a large degree hard tackling and bundling the ball over the sideline was a success for Rooney and Prague, but overall the team had no answer for more powerful and well-balanced opponents.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 2,181.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Auburn put up spirited resistance for half an hour before bowing to the superior class of their opponents. Auburn, actually, started better than the champions and forced several corner-kicks but Hakoah improved and never looked back after Yardley opened their account in the 37th minute. From then on they played like true champions and could have won by an even greater margin as it was one-way traffic for most of the second half despite Auburn's 58th minute consolation goal — an amazing misunderstanding between Haffey and Watkiss which allowed Maloney's weak shot to hit the back of the net as the two defenders stopped and just looked at each other. Hakoah displayed immaculate team-work. They had no really outstanding players, but again such balance that it's impossible to see who can stop them from winning a second title.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 1,485.

— LOU GAUTIER

Nothing went right for South Coast in a match they will want to forget in a hurry as the defeat has probably cost them a place in the final play-off. Pan Hellenic paved the way for their win in the first half when they held the provincials to 1-1 despite a gale-force wind blowing in their faces. In the second period, with the wind behind them, Pan Hellenic applied plenty of pressure and were rewarded with two goals. The winning goal came from a penalty, which Cummings pushed out to Hignett, who coolly latched on to the rebound to give Hellenic a well-deserved victory. South Coast's demise was due to too many players having an off-day at the same time. They have seldom played worse at home. Against classier opposition, the provincials would have conceded an embarrassing defeat.

Referee: A. Faraone.

Crowd: 2,718.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

The difference between the teams was that while Wests couldn't use the strong wind, the Saints, in the second half, turned the elements to their decided advantage. The Wests' forwards were tamed lions; they could hardly create any real chances during the match. The St. George attack came to life after the interval and, occasionally, displayed some splendid ability to improvise. As the match wore on, their win seemed certain and it was only the margin that remained doubtful. Had midfielder Ainslie and striker Denton had a slightly happier day, St. George could have really had a field day against a most disappointing Wests.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,400.

— PAUL DEAN

Canterbury played the more constructive game generally, but the loss of a valuable point was their own doing. A last minute mix-up between two defenders allowed Steve Pollard to connect with a ball which should have never finished in the net. Bob Hardy and Ray Pocock in midfield won enough of the ball to win this game, but the Canterbury forwards seemed to be more interested in sprinting contests against their youthful and inexperienced opponents. Through necessity or convenience, A.P.I.A. fielded seven youngsters who, although they did not set Lambert Park on fire, certainly went through the 90 minutes without a puff. Terry Butler, the only spark in the A.P.I.A. attack ran riot all day and had the more experienced Canterbury defence in trouble on so many occasions that with any players of experience with him, the result would have been very different.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 1,517.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Although South Sydney may have deserved to share the points on the general physiognomy of the match, Ryde's victory was hardly usurped. They played the more constructive, poised football and their breakaways always spelt danger. It wasn't a great match by a long shot as both teams appeared nervous and made several mistakes. The Ryde defence, and Ivo Rudic in particular, were unusually hesitant and against better forwards they could have been in real trouble. There were few outstanding individual performers on view with the exception of Ryde's chief schemer, Ilja Takac, Joe Alagich was kept in tight check by John Archibald throughout, but still managed to score both his team's goals. The wind helped shape the result as all three goals were influenced by the stiff breeze.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 4,986.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	15	3	2	58	28	33
South Sydney	13	4	3	50	28	30
Wests	12	4	4	51	18	28
Prague	11	5	4	39	28	27
A.P.I.A.	11	5	5	38	17	25
St. George	9	4	6	33	30	22
SCU	6	9	5	41	39	21
Marconi	8	4	8	29	32	20
Pan Hellenic	5	2	13	27	40	11
Auburn	4	3	13	19	32	7
Canterbury	2	3	15	22	67	7
Ryde	1	17	16	66	2	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	14	3	3	42	17	31
Prague	13	3	4	37	21	29
South Sydney	11	2	7	44	18	24
Marconi	11	2	6	30	19	24
Hakoah	11	2	7	33	24	
Wests	9	6	5	32	22	24
St. George	9	4	5	29	19	22
Ryde	6	2	11	24	45	14
SCU	5	2	13	29	39	13
A.P.I.A.	3	5	12	25	41	11
Pan Hellenic	3	4	13	13	40	10
Canterbury	3	2	14	20	53	8

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	15	3	2	54	21	31
Granville	13	5	2	45	20	31
Melita Eagles	14	2	4	43	22	30
Corinthians	13	2	5	64	28	28
Balgownie	8	5	7	41	33	21
Bankstown	9	1	10	33	19	
Manly	7	4	9	29	35	18
Polonia	8	1	10	47	42	17
Guilford	7	2	11	34	47	16
Artarmon	3	12	21	47	11	
Concordia	2	4	14	25	8	
NS-Inter	3	2	14	23	64	8

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	14	5	1	48	17	33
Manly	15	3	2	54	29	32
Sutherland	13	2	5	54	29	28
Balgownie	12	4	4	39	23	28
Granville	11	5	4	43	27	27
Artarmon	7	5	8	34	36	19
Guilford	9	1	10	38	44	19
Melita Eagles	7	3	10	33	42	17
Corinthians	6	1	13	29	43	13
Polonia	3	12	32	50	9	
Concordia	4	1	15	71	9	
NS-Inter	2	17	13	43	2	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	4	—	54	11	36
Bankstown	16	2	2	47	12	34
Granville	11	4	4	32	18	26
Sutherland	10	4	6	36	23	24
Balgownie	9	3	8	32	22	21
Artarmon	9	2	8	38	34	19
Melita Eagles	8	2	10	42	18	
Corinthians	7	4	9	25	26	18
Guilford	5	10	27	32	15	
NS-Inter	4	11	17	43	12	
Polonia	4	12	27	47	10	
Concordia	1	17	3	96	1	

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	11	4	5	37	22	26
Belmore	10	4	6	33	29	24
Wth. Districts	16	2	2	46	36	33
Arcliffe Scots	9	5	6	37	30	23
Campbelltown	9	4	7	29	26	22
Revesby W.	9	3	8	45	50	21
W. Sutherland	9	2	5	40	35	21
Enmore	8	4	8	37	36	20
Marrickville	5	8	7	40	40	18
Wentby	7	3	10	40	47	17
Lane Cove	5	11	31	51	14	
N. Bankstown	4	3	13	29	48	11

INTER-SUBURBAN

(First Division)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	16	2	1	41	15	30
Warringah	10	4	3	38	19	24
Gladesville R.	9	5	3	35	30	23
Riverside R.	8	5	3	62	26	21
Unit. NSW	8	3	6	31	20	19
Newtown	7	8	8	43	37	15
Concord Park	5	2	8	26	37	12
Yagoona	—	11	31	53	10	
Kewpies	3	10	22	55	9	
South Sydney	1	16	8	78	1	

(Second Division)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queens Park	17	1	2	76	18	35
West Ryde	17	1	2	77	26	35
Chelsea	14	5	1	70	20	33
Blacktown	11	1	8	52	32	23
Nepean	10	3	7	44	39	23
Sydney Uni.	9	3	8	57	34	21
Bondi	8	4	8	53	40	20
Maroubra	6	4	10	45	16	
Fairfield-Kiev	4	12	37	66	12	
Dee Why	5	1	14	37	51	11
Auburn	3	3	14	18	53	9
Lidcombe	1	19	6	134	2	

THIRD DIVISION

(All Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	15	3	2	63	19	33
W. St. George	12	5	3	63	25	29
Macquarie Uni.	13	3	4	56	29	29
Padstow Park	13	2	5	55	36	28
Arncliffe RSL	11	6	7	53	35	27
Eastwood	9	6	5	50	36	24
Toongabbie	7	4	9	42	45	18
Ku-ring-gai	6	4	10	35	29	16
Thornleigh	7	1	12	32	53	15
Kogarah	5	4	11	38	50	14
Greenacre	2	3	15	34	88	7
Liverpool	—	20	18	110		

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

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CROWD VIOLENCE MAIN PROBLEM FOR ENGLISH

As the English season dawned on us, the talk around the clubs was very much more about spectators than the game itself.

With Elland Road (Leeds United) and Old Trafford (Manchester United) closed for four weeks and two weeks, respectively, at the start of the campaign, soccer officials sincerely wondered how long it would be before high wire fencing kept the watching public off the pitch.

Such Latin measures would have appeared beyond the wildest dreams just a few years ago, but now thoughts have to be cast in that direction.

Leeds United and Manchester United have to play their opening "home" games on pitches other than their own which will cost them good money, plus the compensation due to their opponents.

The reputations of the two clubs in question are sadly affected by the incidents of last season when in the first instance watchers (I hesitate to call them fans) darkened Elland Road with their displeasure and secondly when a knife was handed to the referee when

Manchester United played Newcastle, found by a player on the field of play.

A certain element of soccer followers set out only to be destructive, and their actions have little to do with football itself, except that it can be said that certain actions on the field of play incite and inflame.

Disciplinary action against players is one part of the war; the other is left to the clubs who are now shown by the FA to be fully responsible for the actions of their patrons.

The hooligan element which breaks shop windows is becoming, unfortunately, the problem of the over-worked police force who often search gangs of youths arriving at stations and remove objects likely to be used in an offensive manner.

It is a shame that we have to live with such violence which is not, necessarily, the fault of soccer.

However, clubs will be spending much more cash

this season on preventive measures and hoping that water-filled ditches and high wire barriers are not forced upon them.

On very many grounds now, goalkeepers are protected, behind the goal terracing has been moved back to deter the coin throwers and other unruly acts.

But not all grounds have the space to spare, unless official rulings have to be applied.

Let it be hoped that soccer itself will sufficiently fill the minds of its followers so that bad behavior becomes a secondary image.

LEAGUE PROSPECTS

Once again, it seems only sensible to suggest that Leeds United and Arsenal must be front-runners in the League with very strong opposition from Tottenham Hotspur, reinforced by the arrival of Ralph Coates, who should get more England opportunities now he

has moved from unfashionable Burnley.

Chelsea will present a threat with their incredible fighting qualities, but I fear the progress of Manchester United where Bobby Charlton, sadly, is on the wane and where Georgie Best, a prodigal star, is happy these days to talk on TV about his prowess in bed with the "dolly" girls.

Up-and-coming manager, Ken Furphy, lured away from Watford, faces the task of taking Blackburn out of Third Division.

— by LESLIE PAGE in London.

Deferred games

APIA, PRAGUE DRAW, ST. GEORGE WINS 2-0

In deferred league matches last week Prague and APIA drew 1-1 and St. George-Budapest defeated Canterbury 2-0.

Keith Gilmour covered both games. Here are his impressions:

Prague v. APIA 1-1

APIA goalied in the last 30 seconds of the match against Prague at the Marks Field last Wednesday night to salvage a lucky competition point.

Prague were superior throughout the game.

Gerry Burnett's shot might have been reached by three Prague defenders, and goalkeeper Jan Tuiman failed to reach a high ball for the first time all night.

Prague: Tuiman 4, Harcombe 3, Henderson 3, Zeman 4, McDonald 3, Rootsey 4, Armitage 2, Ridley 3, Walsh 3, Rooney 4, Weir 3 (replaced by Reilly 41st minute). Total: 37.

APIA: McQuire 4, Lee 4, Ackerley 4, Keith (Steel 4 min., 3), Bird 3, Russell 3, Butler 4, Burnett 3, Foster 3, Pollard 3, McGilvray 3. Total: 37.

Scorers: Reilly (Prague), Burnett (APIA).

Crowd: 360.

Canterbury v. St. George 0-2

Canterbury's last frail chance to hold First Division status virtually went in the 72nd minute of the match.

Steve Keri made a 60-metre solo run reminiscent of Leo Baumgartner at his best, but his shot crashed against the upright and the ball was back in play.

From there Ainslie shot high into the net past Demopoulos, whose feet seemed glued to the ground.

Replacement Harry Williams made a left-wing dash and Noddy Alston sealed Canterbury's fate with a smashing header.

Canterbury: Demopoulos 3, Raeburn 3, Whitehead 3, Zivkovic 3, J. Xipolitis 3, Hardy 4, Thompson 3 (P. Mullen), Keri 4, Pocock 4, Bamforth 3, Montgomery 3 (Salerno). Total: 36.

St. George: Reilly 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 4, Hogg 3, Ainslie 4, Hamilton 4, Abonyi 3, Herron 3 (Williams 45 min., 4), Alston 4, Denton 2. Total: 39.

Scorers: Ainslie and Alston.

Crowd: 480.

● No venue has yet been allocated for the last championship round match between Canterbury and Pan Hellenic originally set down for Arlington Oval on Sunday, August 29. The ground is not available on Sundays.

Are migrant fans really so bad?

In "The Australian" last week, Ian Moffitt wrote an article, "Fans Put the Boot in for Migrant Soccer."

In part, Moffitt said:

Soccer brawls are an ironic reminder that politics flourish in Australian sport — the Federal Government imported it long before it extended its hand to the Springboks.

But they also highlight the incipient racism in the Australian tolerance of violence: Anglo-Saxon maiming on and off the field is acceptable — southern European flare-ups off it are intolerable.

Police charged three men after the spectator riot during Sunday's Marconi-South Sydney game in Sydney — one of them allegedly carrying a knife. A magistrate allowed them bail yesterday on charges of assaulting, resisting and hindering police.

This alleged violence seemed more sinister to Australians, somehow, than Sunday's big spectator brawl at the Victorian Football Association Geelong West-Williamstown Rules game at Geelong.

And it completely eclipsed the usual built-in violence in Sydney Rugby League games on Sunday — so accepted that it did not rate comment.

The Australian equates European spectator anger with his dread of knives — and is dimly aware of ethnic gulfs stretching centuries beyond his comprehension.

He regards such deadly politics in sport as immoral — but clings loyally to his cherished right to an Anglo-Saxon boot in the face or serum-finger hooked in the eye. It's foot-brawl racism at its worst.

"There is some violence we can tolerate in Australia and some we can't," declared a former Australian soccer star yesterday.

The "tough but fair" argument doesn't stand much scrutiny. Australian Rugby players use a sickening array of brutal tactics

in bash-and-bludgeon exhibitions without any of soccer's wizardry.

"Watch the fights among Rules and League spectators and then come and talk about soccer violence," said a NSW Soccer Federation official.

Perhaps it's about time we launched a study of violence in sport: weighing fiery European spectators (bad) against the Rugby League stars who boast of bashing in their lifestyles (good).

Ian Moffitt's refreshingly honest and humane approach is most welcome.

However, let's not kid ourselves that the majority of the public will ever show the same degree of tolerance.

Rightly or wrongly, soccer violence is judged more harshly than rugby flare-ups. We are, so to say, under constant scrutiny.

Therefore it's vital that we make every attempt to clean up our game.

Whether rugby and Aussie Rules have trouble on the terraces or not is their business. We can't afford much more in soccer.

And this is the principle that must be guiding our administrators.

READERS' LETTERS

BAN ON ETHNIC CLUBS SOUGHT

Another soccer season is drawing to a close and so is another wasted year in the progress of the code.

The same problems still exist, the same animosities and distrusts still abound.

This year again, we have had the now customary crowd riots and ugly behavior that we had last year, the year before, and before...

Every soccer fan with an ounce of courage knows what has to be done, what must be done.

These migrant groups continually causing trouble are not real soccer fans as they use soccer merely as a tool for their own political hatreds.

They should be got rid of once and for all and all soccer clubs made into district clubs in every respect.

All foreign names, flags, emblems and colors must be completely removed from every club.

This one simple step will drive away all those groups obsessed with ancient quarrels and feuds imported from Europe and carried on by nationalistic-styled clubs in Australia.

The real soccer fans, no matter what their nationality will continue to attend matches.

And isn't that what we want, real soccer fans?

G.R. CAMERON, Randwick.

State Cup changes

Changes have been made to the venues of the State Cup quarterfinals next Saturday week.

Hakoah and St. George-Budapest will now meet at Arlington Oval on their own.

The other two matches between Sydney teams — APIA v. Prague and Pan Hellenic v. South Sydney — will be played as a double-header at Marks Field, while giant-killers Bellambi and Ryde meet at Woonona Oval.



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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION THREE-WAY FIGHT FOR COVETED FIRST PLACE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Only one point now separates Sutherland, Granville and Melita Eagles at the top of the competition table, and with two rounds to be played, the 1971 promotion race is one of the closest ever.

Melita beat Sutherland 1-0 to retain their unbeaten record at Mona Park while Granville whipped Artarmon 3-0 to become joint-leaders.

At the other end of the ladder, Concordia snatched a point from Balgownie to draw level with North Sydney-Inter at the bottom of the table.

The NS-Inter v. Polonia match was postponed until September 5 at Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Melita Eagles v. Sutherland 1-0

In a game spoilt by the strong wind, Melita Eagles reversed their first round defeat by turning the table to win by exactly the same score.

Sutherland had the wind in the first half and did most of the attacking, and at one time were denied a certain goal when Steve Hoszowski saved brilliantly a fierce drive by Cacciola from point-blank range.

John Duffy and Willie Cunningham dominated mid-field for Melita in the second half, and although the winning goal was scored directly from a corner-kick by Peter Beattie, the Eagles deserved to take both points on the day.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Henriette, Hewlett, McAusland, Edwards, Duffy, Beattie, MacDougall, McCallum, Cunningham, Azopardi.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin, Smith, Piggott, Lavan, Jordan (Suggett), MacKnight, Cacciola.

Manly v. Guildford 2-1

In a hard and rugged game, Manly were lucky to keep both points at home and only succeeded to edge Guildford out with an own goal.

Graham Hann put his side in the lead after only 10 minutes, but team-mate Bobby Garner netted when under pressure to level the score before half-time.

Manly scored the winning goal through Bobby Jones who headed the ball from a corner-kick.

Guildford: Hoskins, Garner (o.g.), Reynolds, Pierce, Jack, Schofield, Bligh, Hann (1), Morley, Woods, Shepherd.

Concordia v. Balgownie 2-2

Despite the conditions, both teams played some good football and both missed scoring opportunities.

Balgownie hit the front through Davies in the first half and McGuckin headed the second goal six minutes into the second half.

However, Joe Brantner reduced the lead four minutes later and Peter Erasmus notched the equaliser late in the game.

Concordia: Wupper, Filter, Auras, Kappacher, Gassner, Tarver, Baumgartner (Varga), Brandtner.

(1), Erasmus (1), Doller (Uhl), Sommer. Balgownie: Holbrook, W. Bradford, Piec (Edgley), Davis (1), T. Bradford, Naylor, McGuckin (1), McLean (Hoare), Ryall, Patterson, Freeme.

Corinthians v. Bankstown 4-1

Bankstown could only hold Corinthians until half-time when the score was tied at 1-1, both teams scoring from the penalty spot.

In the second half Corinthians scored three goals to win comfortably, with Dave Tussie and Dave Power, two 18-year-olds, displaying excellent form.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Haggett, Peachey, Cilia, Power (2), Cairns (1), Collins (Barnett), Johnstone (1), (Tussie), Reynolds, McEnally.

Artarmon v. Granville 0-3

An own goal by half-back Mal MacGuinness in the 57th minute put paid to Artarmon's chances.

Artarmon stood their ground well in the first half, but after Lee made it 2-0, Granville took control and only poor finishing up denied them a much bigger victory.

Fred McKechnie, brought off an excellent save off Mal O'Neill from the penalty spot midway through the second half.

Artarmon: McKechnie, Amor, M. Nacinovich, Cole,

Quinn, MacGuinness (o.g.), Lynch, Liddell, K. Nacinovich, Cholakian, Morgan. Granville: Maher, Hawkins (1), Biglands, Brown, Staunton, Di Santi, Lee (1), Vrolyks, Schaumann, Gippert, O'Neill.

THIS WEEK

Focus of attention this week is the clash between Sutherland and Manly at Seymour Shaw as Sutherland must win this one or kiss promotion good-bye.

These two clubs always figure in close, hard tussles but with ground advantage, Sutherland must, and should win.

In other matches, Melita Eagles and Granville play bottom teams NS-Inter and Concordia respectively and although they can expect hard matches, both should win comfortably.

Polonia, Corinthians and Guildford are the other likely winners of Round 21.

LEADING SCORERS

M. CAIRNS (Corinthians)	19
S. WOZNICKO (Polonia)	18
G. HANN (Guildford)	15
C. LEE (Granville)	13
P. DELLAR (Bankstown)	13
N. MCGUCKIN (Balgownie)	13
J. CACCIOLA (Sutherland)	12
I. McDUGALL (Melita)	12

Metropolitan Championship

Bankstown v. Canterbury	3-0
Nepean v. Southern Districts	4-4
Sutherland v. Manly	2-1
St. George v. Ku-ring-gai	1-1
Gladesville v. Western Subs.	0-4

Bankstown v. Canterbury	5-1
Nepean v. Southern Districts	0-3
Sutherland v. Manly	0-3
St. George v. Ku-ring-gai	0-1
Gladesville v. Western Subs.	0-0

Bankstown v. Canterbury	3-1
Nepean v. Southern Districts	0-2
Sutherland v. Manly	2-0
St. George v. Ku-ring-gai	0-1
Gladesville v. Western Subs.	2-2

Bankstown v. Canterbury	3-1
Nepean v. Southern Districts	0-2
Sutherland v. Manly	2-0
St. George v. Ku-ring-gai	0-1
Gladesville v. Western Subs.	2-2

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Gladesville v. Western Subs.	2-2

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

If figures were released of attendances of clubs at their home games I have a strong feeling that JUST would top the list. For despite the fact that State League soccer has been in the doldrums for the past three years, the signs that some revival is on the way are none more evident than at the home games of Footscray-JUST, especially if they are playing good class and crowd-pulling opposition.

Despite all the claims of quite a few of our clubs that some of their players were born in Australia or came here at an early age, only one real dinkum Aussie wears Victorian State League colors. He is Johnny Bedford, of South Melbourne-Hellas, who gave many years' service to Box Hill before joining South Melbourne five years ago. Johnny, who is still playing as well as ever, has now been in State League soccer for over a decade.

Except for one brief spell downstairs in the First Division, Wilhelmina have always been a credit to State League and Victorian soccer. Although they cannot boast a big measure of support they have one big advantage over all the other clubs in State League soccer: they have a well laid-out and completely enclosed ground with a good grandstand, well-appointed dressing and official rooms, canteen and even facilities for a club social evening. This is a case of planning and being prepared for whatever contingency they have to meet.

Winners of the Australia Cup in 1964, Docketty Cup winners in 1962, Ampol Cup winners in 1958, 1961 and 1965, and five times runners-up for the State League title without being lucky enough or good enough to win it once, George Cross are on the way back after three lean seasons. I don't usually make predictions. But I'm tipping now that the Cross will in 1972 be once again challenging for top honors in Victorian soccer.

Now making only rare and fleeting appearances for JUST, the end of the road seems in sight for one of Victoria's best players — Tommy Stankovic. Reckoned to be 41, he came to Australia in 1963 to join the Footscray side after playing for OFK Belgrade and Borovo in Yugoslavia. Except for 1968 when he moved to Makedonia in Melbourne, the wee winger with one of the greatest box of tricks, a raking shot and an uncanny ability to cross the ball accurately into goal, has been with JUST.

Congratulations to Miss Cathy Alfini who has just been named Miss Juventus Charity for 1971. With the title, run in connection with the Club's annual ball, she has won for herself a trip to Manila with the compliments of Philippine Airlines. The money raised by the Miss Juventus Quest will be donated to charity; this year the Melbourne Children's Hospital.

Last week's results: JUST 4 (Lopatic, Buljevic, Zoraja, Rujevic) d. Melbourne-HSC 0, Wilhelmina 6 (Muskee 2, Allerton 2, Lynn, Cockburn) d. Alexander 1 (Brown), Box Hill 1 (Atkins) v. Lions 1 (Pryde), Polonia 1 (Siwka) d. Croatia 0, SM-Hellas 1 (Clarke) d. Hakoah 0, George Cross 2 (Walker, Gardiner) v. Juventus 2 (Webster 2).

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Youthful Nepean toss Queens Park

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Nepean, with eight players 17 years of age or under and many still at high school, toppled the Second Division leaders Queens Park on Queens Park ground last Saturday.

The win was a triumph for the youthful drive of the players and their coach, Bob Campbell.

Strangely enough, the win was a carbon copy of Nepean's game against Chelsea the previous week.

Nepean were one down, scored two, and the opposition missed a penalty on both occasions.

Chris Gallagher laid on the passes which resulted in the goals, and Peter Pearson and Robert Shaw did the scoring.

Improved students

Sydney University, much improved, controlled the midfield and defeated Dee Why 3-2.

Albert Marchetto and Alan Ricketson were al-

ways to the fore for the winner.

University's scorers were Paul Taylor, Alan Ricketson, and Ron Wild.

In Third Division, Garbo Berka, an Australian career soldier of German descent, scored two goals and laid on three more for Greenwich against Liverpool.

Eastwood Town scored three and missed at least five simple chances against Greenacre.

The game resulted in a 3-3 draw, and Eastwood trailed 3-1 with only 14 minutes remaining.

Jim Flanagan at left-back was Eastwood's most reliable man on the day.

Their scorers were Johnathan Green (2) and Greg Smith.

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION

Ravens v. Yagoona	8-1
Uni. NSW v. Newtown	1-1
Rosebery v. Rapid	3-1
Warrington v. Sth. Sydney	3-2

SECOND DIVISION

Blacktown v. Lidcombe	13-0
Queens Pk. v. Nepean	1-2
Dee Why v. Sydney Uni.	2-3
Auburn v. Bondi	0-4
Fairfield-Kiev v. Maroubra	1-1
Chelsea v. West Ryde	3-3

THIRD DIVISION

Padstow Pk. v. Thornleigh	7-2
Eastwood v. Greenacre	3-3
Kogarah v. Ku-ring-gai	2-2
Liverpool v. Greenwich	2-0
A'cfe RSL v. Macqu. Uni.	1-2
Tgobbie v. W. St. Geo.	1-1

THIS WEEK

Saturday

Riverside v. Rapid	1-1
Condell Park v. Mahony Oval	1-1
Bondi v. Dee Why	1-1
Uni. v. Lidcombe	1-1
Queens Pk. v. Nepean	1-1
Dee Why v. Sydney Uni.	1-1
Auburn v. Bondi	1-1
Fairfield-Kiev v. Maroubra	1-1
Chelsea v. West Ryde	1-1

Sunday

Outer Wentworth Pk. v. Ravens	1-1
Colquhoun Pk. v. Yagoona	1-1
Blacktown v. Lidcombe	1-1
Queens Pk. v. Nepean	1-1
Dee Why v. Sydney Uni.	1-1
Auburn v. Bondi	1-1
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Sydney Third Division

Banks City riding high

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Banks City are riding high after two wins over the weekend, when they defeated Arncliffe Scots 2-0 on Saturday and Marrickville 3-2 on Sunday.

Two points ahead of Belmore, they face another big challenge against Revesby Workers at the Soccer Centre on Saturday.

Against Arncliffe, Banks City dictated the terms.

Keith Leet got the first goal after collaborating in a fine scissors movement with Stan Grezlek.

Then George Jamieson went for the run to take a free-kick 22 metres out, but left the kick to brother John, whose banana curve was unstoppable.

City's win reversed the Scots' win of the previous week.

Marrickville opened the scoring on Sunday, but after 30 minutes Norman Penman scored with a beautiful shot for Banks City.

Five minutes later John Jamieson drove a free-kick into the goal.

Stan Grezlek got the other goal with a long speculator.

West Sutherland held Northern Districts to 1-1. Norths had more shots than their young and capable opponents.

Allan Dickerson was on top of his game at inside-forward for Norths.

RESULTS

Enmore v. Revesby W.	1-2
W. S'land v. N. Districts	1-1
Belmore v. Lane Cove	2-3
Banks C. v. A'cfe Scots	2-0
Went v. A'cfe Scots	3-0
Banks City v. Marrickville	3-2
N. B'town v. C'belltown	1-0

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Belmore	1-1
Revesby Workers v. Banks City	1-1
Centre: Lane Cove v. North	1-1
Bankstown v. Pottery Green	1-1

Sunday: Marrickville v. Went	1-1
Mackey Park: Northern Districts v. Enmore	1-1
Stadium: Campbelltown v. West Sutherland	1-1
Campbelltown Showground	1-1

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

2 (1)

Pocock 21 min., Thompson 84 min.

WESTS

3 (0)

Bijkerk 56 min., Spiekerman 58 min., Byles 65 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

Marconi

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

4 (2)

G. Manuel 17 and 91 mins., Harding 20 min., Demos 93 min.

A.P.I.A.

5 (3)

Butler 4 min., Brooks (own goal) 19 min., Forster 33 min., Burnett 83 min., McKinnon 85 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Demopoulos 3, Whitehead 3 (Thompson 65 min.), Raeburn 4, Zivkovic 3, J. Xipolitis 3, Hardy 3, Mullen 3, Keri 3, Pocock 4, Bamforth 3, Montgomery 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: K. Kulak.

Match rating: * * * *

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 3, Turner 3, Guildea 3, Bijkerk 4, Thomas 3 (Byles 54 min.), Spiekerman 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Williamson 4, Schneider 3 (Lawson 60 min.), Strachan 4, Malone 5, Brady 4, Hucker 4, Simpson 3, Trail 2, McDonald 3, Rogers 3, Tracey 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * *

Rorke 4, Jones 4, Curran 4, Moschen 3, Taylor 4, Cudek 3 (Giacometti 3), Danajevits 3, Richards 4, Campbell 4, Burns 3, Griffith 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Maglis 3, Hanson 2, Brooks 2, Parkin 3, H. Xipolitis 3, Cullodon 3, Thorne 2, Harding 4, McCulloch 3, G. Manuel 3, Clarke 3 (Demos 3).

TOTAL: 31.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * * *

McQuire 3 (Lambie 51 min.), Lee 3, Ackerley 3, Burnett 4, Russell 3, Steel 2, Pollard 2, McKinnon 4, Forster 3, Butler 5, McGillivray 4.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: L. Bayliss.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The drop to Second Division is never a happy event, but at least Canterbury made it a courageous happening in the way they battled on to the last against Wests. By not fielding Jack at all and by holding Greg Byles back, Wests gave Canterbury a start. Pocock responded in the 21st minute by poaching one of those snap goals for which he has already become famous in Sydney. As they have so often done this season, the Berries faltered at the wrong time. Spurred on by the industrious Davey Johnston, Wests scored twice in nine minutes, an Raeburn forced his team back, but at 3-2 neither a loss nor a draw was good enough, and Canterbury go back to Second Division for the first time since 1964-65.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 770.

— KEITH GILMOUR

In a match spoilt by conditions which neither side could master, a draw was probably a fair and just conclusion. Marconi on the whole had more shots at goal than their opponents, particularly in the second half, but Auburn must get the credit for a good defensive performance, especially when the pressure was piled on them. Frank Malone, the former Marconi player, played an excellent role in midfield, and with the solid backing of Hucker and Brady Auburn presented an impenetrable halfback line which the Marconi forwards could never penetrate. Goalkeeper Jim Williamson's safe and sure handling also deprived Marconi of a valuable point. Ray Richards, despite an early injury, tried hard to get the Marconi attack firing, but although he was well backed up by team-mates Burns and Campbell, the ball was too heavy and the surface too slippery for the classier Marconi's liking.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 1,120.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Despite the avalanche of goals, not once were Pan Hellenic in front and never even looked like being there. Their big fullbacks, Hanson and Brooks, were shaky on the slippery ground and even the usually busy McCulloch had trouble keeping his balance. APIA's youngsters played with the effervescence of youth, well marshalled by McKinnon and Ackerley. Those few hardy souls who turned up after two days of rain received two pleasant surprises: fine weather and an entertaining match with plenty of action and goals, deservedly won by the team more at home on the treacherous ground.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 1,300.

— PAUL DEAN

NSW v. NEW CALEDONIA 8-1

ABONYI STARS IN EASY NSW WIN

The NSW forwards ran riot against New Caledonia at the Marks Field last Wednesday night, scoring five first half goals and free-wheeling home to an 8-1 win.

Attila Abonyi showed his technical ability in a non-stop display, using slide-rule shots to score the State's second and fifth goals.

Second-half replacement Brian Turner had a hand in the three second half goals.

half volley, and scored the final goal as well.

New Caledonia's defence was a little tardy, and was never resolute enough to worry NSW.

Jean Boulri scored from seven metres out, after right-winger Joseph Gurendiawe had opened up the NSW defence, for the tourists' only goal.

NSW: Kelly, Utjesenovic, Curran (I. Rudic), Watkiss, Wilson, Richards, Abonyi (2), Rooney (1), Denton (2) (Butler), Baartz (Turner 2), Alagich (1).

New Caledonia: Garga (Clarque), Ouremoin, Benecig, Mandin, Kecine, Xanatre, Gurendiawe, Delmas, Oloua, Waka (Boulri 1), Hoko.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 725.

— KEITH GILMOUR

● New Caledonia's match against South Coast last Sunday was cancelled because of the weather.



MIKE DENTON

He snapped in a header from a cross by Doug Utjesenovic, crossed for Jim Rooney to goal on the

JAPAN'S BIG TASK COMES IN SEOUL

— From SOKICHIRO USHIKI in Tokyo —

Although people in Europe and South America would probably disagree that the Olympic football tournament is more important than the World Cup, this is in fact the case as far as Japanese sports circles are concerned.

We'll eat NZ, says Caledonian coach

"Even with one foot tied behind their backs, Australia could beat New Zealand" — this is the colorful way in which Guy Elmour, the New Caledonian coach, described our chances against the Kiwis in the World Cup.

Elmour should know: in the past couple of years, his team has met Australian and New Zealand opponents several times.

Speaking after NSW's 8-1 win against New Caledonia last Wednesday, Elmour, who played as a professional in France, said that New Caledonia regularly defeated New Zealand, whose skills are inferior, although they are much stronger physically, and more disciplined tactically.

"Australia will beat them by at least four goals. New Zealand is just not in the same class. They are wast-

ing their time participating in the World Cup when they rate only third in the Pacific region."

Although Elmour thinks that his team will fare much better in Noumea, in the Oceania Cup in October, he rates Australia a "99.9 per cent chance" of winning the first Oceania title.

New Caledonia, at home, will finish in second place, he says.

As for New Zealand, he thinks they may even struggle against Tahiti, winners of the 1969 South Pacific soccer tournament.

— LOU GAUTIER

The Japanese Olympic Committee is planning to send athletes for all sports to the Munich Olympics next year, but the soccer team will first have to clear the hurdle of the preliminary tournament.

If they fail to do so, and soccer becomes the only sport not represented in the Japanese contingent at Munich, the game's prestige in sports circles will be severely damaged.

WORLD TOUR

This is why the Japanese Football Association is very anxious to strengthen the national team for the Olympic preliminary tournament which will be held in Seoul from the end of September.

In preparation for the Seoul tournament, the Japanese Association has sent two national teams abroad this summer.

One team, made up of top stars and some newly-promoted young players, has gone to Europe.

The other team participated in the Merdeka tournament.

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakooh	15	3	2	58	22	33
South Sydney	15	3	2	58	28	30
Wests	12	4	5	51	23	28
Prague	11	5	4	39	28	27
APIA	10	5	5	38	17	25
St. George	9	4	6	39	30	22
SCU	6	9	5	41	39	21
Marconi	8	4	8	32	32	20
Pan Hellenic	5	2	13	27	40	12
Auburn	4	3	13	19	32	11
Canterbury	2	5	16	23	71	7
Ryde	1	1	17	16	66	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	15	3	3	43	17	33
Prague	13	3	4	37	21	29
South Sydney	11	2	7	44	18	24
Hakooh	11	2	7	43	22	30
Wests	9	6	5	32	22	24
Marconi	11	1	7	30	20	23
St. George	9	4	5	29	19	22
Ryde	6	2	11	24	45	14
SCU	5	3	12	29	39	13
APIA	3	5	12	25	41	11
Pan Hellenic	3	4	13	13	40	10
Canterbury	3	2	14	20	53	8

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	15	1	4	54	21	31
Granville	13	5	2	45	20	31
Melita Eagles	12	2	7	43	22	30
Corinthians	13	2	5	64	28	28
Balgownie	8	5	7	41	33	21
Banksstown	9	1	10	33	35	19
Manly	7	2	9	29	35	18
Polonia	8	1	10	47	42	17
Guildford	7	2	11	34	47	16
Artarmon	3	5	12	21	47	11
Concordia	2	5	13	25	65	8
NS-Inter	3	2	14	23	64	8

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banksstown	14	5	1	48	17	33
Manly	15	2	3	59	24	32
Sutherland	13	2	5	54	29	28
Balgownie	12	4	4	39	23	28
Granville	11	4	4	43	27	27
Artarmon	7	5	8	34	36	19
Guildford	9	1	10	38	44	19
Melita Eagles	7	3	10	33	42	17
Corinthians	6	1	13	29	43	13
Polonia	3	3	12	32	50	9
Concordia	4	1	15	24	71	9
NS-Inter	2	17	13	43	2	

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	4	1	54	11	36
Banksstown	16	2	1	64	15	34
Granville	11	4	4	32	18	26
Sutherland	10	4	6	36	23	24
Balgownie	9	3	8	32	22	21
Artarmon	9	1	10	31	31	19
Melita Eagles	8	2	10	33	24	18
Corinthians	7	4	9	25	26	18
Guildford	5	5	10	27	32	15
NS-Inter	4	4	11	17	43	12
Polonia	4	1	13	27	47	10
Concordia	—	1	17	3	96	1

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	11	4	5	37	22	26
Mth. Districts	10	5	6	52	37	25
Cobbtown	10	4	7	31	27	24
Balmore	10	4	6	33	29	24
Arncliffe Scots	9	5	6	37	30	23
Revesby W.	9	3	8	45	50	21
W. Sutherland	6	9	4	41	39	21
Errmore	4	9	9	38	42	20
Marrickville	5	7	4	42	42	19
Wentworth	7	4	10	42	49	18
Lane Cove	5	4	11	31	51	14
N. Bankstown	4	3	13	29	48	11

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	15	2	1	62	16	32
Warringah	10	4	3	38	19	24
Gladesville R.	9	5	3	55	30	23
Riverside R.	8	5	3	62	26	21
Uni. NSW	9	3	6	31	20	19
Newtown	7	1	8	43	35	15
Condell Park	5	2	8	26	37	12
Yagoona	1	1	9	33	53	10
Kewpie	3	3	12	22	59	9
South Sydney	1	16	8	78	1	

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Ryde	18	2	8	61	27	37
Queens Park	17	1	3	77	22	35
Chelsea	14	5	1	69	19	33
Nepean	11	3	7	52	41	25
Blacktown	11	1	9	53	34	23
Bondi	9	8	5	41	22	22
Sydney Uni.	9	3	8	57	34	21
Maroubra	7	4	10	45	58	18
Fieldfield-Kiev	4	13	3	74	12	
Dee Why	5	15	38	56	11	
Auburn	4	3	14	20	53	11
Lidcombe	1	20	6	136	2	

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	16	3	2	67	20	35
W. St. George	12	5	3	63	25	29
Macquarie Uni.	13	3	5	56	29	29
Padstow Park	13	2	5	56	36	28
Arncliffe RSL	13	1	6	73	35	27
Eastwood	9	6	5	50	36	24
Toongabbie	7	5	9	44	47	19
Kwaring-gai	6	5	10	37	31	17
Thornleigh	7	13	33	54	15	
Kogarah	5	4	12	39	52	7
Greenacre	2	3	15	34	88	7
Liverpool	1	20	20	111	2	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury v. Wests	1-4					
Auburn v. Marconi	1-0					

● All other matches postponed because of rain.

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)
● All matches postponed because of rain.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION DOGFIGHTS TO RESUME AFTER BIG WASH-OUT

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The weather played havoc with the competition last weekend and the three teams vying for promotion will have to sweat it out for another week before they know who will hit the big time next season.

All Round 21 matches were washed out both on Saturday and Sundays, and the season is certain to be extended for another week into September.

In the premiership stakes Sutherland, who only head Granville on goal-average seem to be poised to win promotion because of an easier draw, although goal-average is not taken into account for promotion.

They will play Guildford at Guildford Park this weekend, and Manly at Seymour Shaw Park, probably a week later.

HARD NUT

Sutherland should win against Guildford this week, but not after a hard match as Guildford have a sound defence, and on a good day can be a hard nut to crack.

Granville, on the other hand, have a much harder draw in Corinthians and Concordia.

The game against Corinthians on Saturday at the

Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 may make or break Granville, who must win this one to force a play-off with Sutherland.

Corinthians have been playing well in the last few matches and would not surprise if they avenged their first round defeat, when they had most of the play but lost 2-0.

One point behind this pair is Melita Eagles, who still have a small chance of winning the race in the event of both Sutherland and Granville dropping points before the end of the season.

On Sunday they clash with Bankstown at Mona Park and despite their 4-2 defeat by the Towns in the first round, Melita should start favorites to retain their unbeaten home record for the season.

SLUMP

Bankstown's form has slumped recently and they must regain peak form to stand any chance of even

drawing with the Eagles whose last match is against North Sydney-Inter.

Of the other matches this weekend, most interest will centre around Manly v. North Sydney-Inter.

TOUGH DRAW

NS-Inter, who have three matches to play, have a very difficult draw in Manly, Melita and Polonia.

On present form, Inter are playing better than Concordia, but against Manly at Graham Reserve the going will be tough and they must play above themselves to take a point.

In the other match scheduled for this weekend Polonia play Balgownie at Gurraveen Park — Polonia's new home ground until their complex at Doonside is completed.

Both sides have nothing to gain or lose, but Polonia have come good in the final rounds and should beat Balgownie in a hard fought match.

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Convincing win for West Ryde

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Whilst premiers Rosebery were collecting another two First Division points with a 1-0 win over Kewpies, West Ryde defeated Queens Park 4-1 to take over as undisputed Second Division leaders.

The battle for fourth place, being fought out by Nepean, Blacktown and Sydney University is wide open.

A big crowd is certain for the Blacktown-Nepean clash at Francis Park on Saturday.

Weather conditions caused numerous postponements of vital fixtures.

Maroubra made Blacktown Spartan's position that bit harder by defeating them 2-1.

Blacktown led early through a Calvin Parkinson shot.

Their best players were Joe Ber at right back, and Hamish Stirling in the midfield.

Toongabbie, steadily forcing their way up to the middle of Third Division,

gained a 2-2 draw with Ku-ring-gai at Asquith Oval.

The first half was scoreless.

In the first minute of the second half there was a scrimmage in the Ku-ring-gai goal.

Mick Irwin accepted the clearance gratefully, and lobbed the ball over the 'keeper into the open net.

Toongabbie went two goals ahead when Larry Webber beat two men and went on to score.

Ku-ring-gai struck back with two goals, one coming from a direct freekick.

Best for Toongabbie on the day were right back John Sheridan, outside-left Larry Webber, and linkman Arpad Juhasz.

Toongabbie are laying the foundation of a good side for the future.

At the top of the table Greenwich consolidated its position with a 4-1 win over Kogarah, with goals coming from Berka, Howard, Calphy and Foster.

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION

Kewpies v. Rosebery 0-1 2-2

SECOND DIVISION

Bondi v. Dee Why 5-1 4-1
Lidcombe v. Auburn 0-2 1-7
Maroubra v. Blacktown 2-1 4-0
Nepean v. Fairfield-Kiev 8-2 9-0
West Ryde v. Queens Pk. 4-1 0-2

THIRD DIVISION

Thornleigh v. Liverpool 1-2 9-0
Ku-ring-gai v. Toongabbie 2-2 4-1
Greenwich v. Kogarah 4-1 4-1

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Condell Park v. Kewpies, Soccer Centre, Rosebery
Rhodes v. South Sydney
Turruwull Park: Sydney Uni. v. Bondi — St. Pauls Oval: Dee Why v. Lidcombe — Dee Why Oval: Blacktown v. Nepean — Francis Park: Ku-ring-gai v. Greenwich — Asquith Oval: Kogarah v. Thornleigh — Bexley Oval: Liverpool City v. Greenacre — Jardine Park.

Sunday: Yagoona v. Newtown — O'Neill Park: Uni. NSW v. Riverside Rapid — D. Phillip Field: Auburn Juniors v. Maroubra — Progress Park: Fairfield-Kiev v. West Ryde — Knights Park: Queens Park v. Chelsea — Queens Park 3: Padstow Park v. Arncliffe RSL — Kelso 10: Macquarie Uni. v. Toongabbie — Macquarie Uni.: Eastwood Town v. West St. George — Eastwood Upper Oval.

THE VICTORIAN SCENE

LOYALTY NOT A VAIN WORD

— By JIM COOK —

Loyalty is a most important aspect of soccer. While some players who have never flagged or changed their colors in many years of service have had a raw and shabby deal from the clubs they have served so well, there are also quite a few others who have also served their clubs well and have been treated well in return.

Those in this category whom I will mention must have been: for all have been in the top flight of Victorian soccer for so long that with a transfer they could easily have improved their lot.

Take the evergreen Billy Rice for instance. Now in his 16th year in top local football, the Belfast-born pivot, who was for so long an automatic choice for both Victoria and Australia, has been with JUST and the club they amalgamated with, Footscray Capri, during his entire soccer career in Australia.

As far as I know, Billy has had only one real difference of opinion with JUST.

Take Alan Stenhouse, whose 10 years with Hakoah will soon come up.

A former proven Scottish professional with Motherwell and Cowdenbeath, he has never in all his years with the Middle Park side even hinted he carries a bigger burden than some of his less talented team-mates.

Stenhouse has always been ready to play in any position where the club has felt his services are needed most.

Next comes Kaz Kowalec, at present occupying the seat as Polonia's player-coach.

Kaz gave great service to Polonia and Victoria as a player in his prime before electing to stay with the club and finish his days in any position he could help.

Appointed coach, he was at one time replaced, still remained loyal and is back again as the team boss and still turns out on the field when the chips are down or if he is needed.

John Young, the Box Hill centre-half who recently was replaced by the younger Ian Coles, is another whose loyalty to the club has been extended over the past nine years.

It would be unthinkable for Young, despite the fact he has temporarily lost his place in the first team, to leave Box Hill. It would also be unthinkable for Box Hill to be without Young.

Horst Rau, the German-born captain of Croatia and one of the best midfield players in Victoria over the years, is another who comes into the long-serving category.

Horst, who was with Croat until he joined Croatia in 1963, has never wavered in his dedication and enthusiasm for the club he still continues to serve so well.

Syd Steele, of Wilhelmina is still with the Ringwood side despite many rumors over the years he was to move.

Syd, a Scottish junior from Tranent, still manages to get a game in the first team.

For this half dozen and a few more I have omitted to mention in a similar category, I hope they stay in the game in some capacity when they hang their boots up. For Victorian soccer can use them still.

JOHN IPENBURG,
Balgownie.

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14
Ku-ring-gai v. Gladesville 1-1
Southern Districts v. Granville 0-4

UNDER-15
Ku-ring-gai v. Gladesville 0-7
Southern Districts v. Granville 1-1

UNDER-16
Ku-ring-gai v. Gladesville 1-2

● All washed out games will be played on Sunday.
Southern Districts v. Granville 1-0

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1 (b), 2 (a), 3 (b), 4 (c),
5 (a), 6 (c), 7 (a), 8 (c),
9 (a) 10 (c).

MELBOURNE RESULTS

Wilhelmina 1 (Muskee) d. JUST 0; Juventus 4 (Di Marchi 2, Thomson, Frost) d. Box Hill 0; Hakoah 1 (Lane) d. Lions 0; Melbourne-HSC 2 (Bleskany, Scott) d. Croatia 0; SM-Hellas 0 v. Alexander 0; Polonia 0 v. George Cross 0.

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Sydney Third Division

Title still not decided

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Postponement of three fixtures last Saturday has left the winning club still undecided.

Banks City has the edge on their rivals, but face Northern Districts at the Soccer Centre on Sunday, and have to meet Revesby in a deferred game.

Belmore, Arncliffe Scots and Campbelltown remain in the race as well as City and Norths.

Englishman Ron Owen scored four goals in Norths' 6-1 win over Enmore.

Norths scored within minutes of the kick-off and had the game in hand 5-1 at half-time.

David Brown and Ernie Glass were the other scorers, with John McDonald almost unbeatable in goal on the day.

Eric Davidson, overlapping from his fullback position, scored West Sutherland's goal against Campbelltown.

There was little in the game, in which both sides

Marrickville v. Went 2-2 0-3
Nth. Districts v. Enmore 6-1 3-0
Campbelltown v. W. S'tland 2-1 1-1

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Belmore v. Marrickville — Rudd Park: Enmore v. Campbelltown — Mackay Park.

Sunday: Lane Cove v. Arncliffe Scots — Pottery Green: Went v. Revesby — Workers Jones Park: Banks City v. Northern Districts — Soccer Centre: West Sutherland v. North Banks — Seymour Shaw Park.

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

South Sydney

1 (0)

Archibald 54 min.

Canterbury

1 (0)

Keri 81 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

G. Manuel 11 and 84 mins.

Sth. Coast

2 (1)

Gruicic 17 min., McGunagle 75 min.

Prague

1 (0)

Rooney 89 min.

Hakoah

4 (1)

Yardley 35 min., Baartz 51 min., Rutherford 57 min., Watkiss 73 min.

WESTS

3 (1)

Blue 30 min., Byles 63 min., Bijkerk 84 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

St. George

2 (0)

Alston 68 min., Denton 75 min.

Ryde

1 (0)

Brajkovic 86 min. (penalty).

Auburn

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

McQuire 5, Lee 3, Ackerley 4, Keith 2, Russell 1, Burnett 4, McKinnon 4, Forster 1, Pollard 2, Butler 3, McGillivray 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Baylis.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 4, Ashurst 3, Susa 4, Shepherd 3, Thomson 3, Doyle 4, Taylor 3 (Harris 76 min.), Wright 4, Archibald 3, Sullivan 3, McLean 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Demopoulos 3, Whitehead 3, Raeburn 4, Kulak 4, J. Xipolitis 3, Hardy 3, Zivkovic 3, Keri 4, Pocock 3, Bamforth 3, Montgomery 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: K. Kulak.

Match rating: * * *

Maglis 3, Hanson 4, Hignett 4, Parkin 4, H. Xipolitis 4, Cullodon 3, Thorne 2, Harding 3, McCulloch 3, G. Manuel 4, Howard 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Cummings 3, Wilson 3, Tuckerman 3, Walker 3, Gleeson 4, Galbraith 3, Dunlop 4, Gruicic 4, Tolson 4, Harvey 3, McGunagle 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Harris.

Match rating: * *

Tuinman 3, Harcombe 3, Henderson 3, Zeman 4, Rootsey 3, Reilly 3, Armytage 3, Ridley 3, Rooney 5, Tooma 3, Weir 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Haffey 3, Davey 4, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Fekete 3, McNamee 4, Izatt 3 (Muniz 79 min.), Yardley 4, Baartz 4, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: C. Fleming.

Match rating: * * * *

Kelly 3, Van Blerk 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Byles 3, Guildea 3, Bijkerk 4, Turner 3, Spiekerman 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Dawson.

Rorke 4, Jones 4, Curran 4, Moschen 4, Taylor 3, Roche 2 (Robertson 83 min.), Danajevits 2, Richards 3, Campbell 2, Burns 2, Griffiths 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: F. Nesti.

Match rating: * * *

Reilly 4, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 3, Ainslie 3, Hamilton 3 (Treasure 60 min.), Herron 4, Hogg 2, Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Cajkusic 4, Crnic 4, I. Rudic 4, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 3, Rafanelli 3, J. Alagich 3, Waters 3, Brajkovic 2, Takac 3 (F. Rudic 73 min.), Edwards 2.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: S. Viskovich.

Match rating: *

Williamson 4, Selfridge 3, Strachan 4, Malone 3, Brady 3, Hucker 3, Simpson 3, Trail 3, Rogers 2, McDonald 3, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: T. Anderson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A hard and willing game with plenty of fire although nothing was at stake. The wind, unfortunately, ruined the match as a spectacle and the small crowd had little to enthuse about. Souths adapted themselves slightly better to the conditions and, generally, deserved their win. They certainly would have won by a bigger margin had it not been for Dave McQuire, the APIA goalkeeper, who was in brilliant form. APIA played better with the wind late in the second half when the South Sydney goal had a charmed life on two occasions, especially four minutes before the end when Forster, who otherwise had his worst match of the season, hit the post with Corry beaten all ends up.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 1,560.

— LOU GAUTIER

This was a typical end-of-season match — dull and uninteresting. With nothing at stake for both teams, the match was one long yawn with the exception of the last 10 minutes when it sprang to life with Canterbury's equaliser, quickly followed by Hellenic's winning goal. Canterbury could easily have ended their First Division days with a draw. They had several chances throughout the game, and should have gone to a 2-1 lead two minutes after Keri's equaliser when the same player hit the right post with Maglis hopelessly beaten. Ironically, within a minute the attack swung the other end and Gary Manuel scored his second goal to give Hellenic a narrow win.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 900.

— ERIC HULME

Determined to end the season on a winning note and keep alive their slim semifinal chance, South Coast launched attack after attack. Gruicic, replacing McAvoy as striker, figured very prominently in most of these ventures. Running beautifully into the open, he received a perfect pass from Dunlop on the right and made no mistake to put United one up at halftime. Played before the poorest crowd at Woonona for many years, the game never reached an even average standard. Any chance of good football was spoilt by a strong wind which neither side could master. Many passes went astray and both teams persisted in kicking the ball high instead of playing it along the ground.

Referee: W. Novelli.

Crowd: 1,173.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

Hakoah climaxed their greatest season with an exciting win in a fitting finale to the championship. In the first half Wests, however, matched them in every department and even took the lead in the 30th minute. They were the more aggressive and played the better football. A defensive blunder presented Hakoah with a "gift" equaliser five minutes later. It was a different matter in the second half when Hakoah applied the pressure right from the start and mercilessly tested Wests' defence before going to a 3-1 lead. Wests fought back to 2-3, then it was 4-2, before Bijkerk once again bridged the gap. This goal seemed to give Wests wings. In the final six minutes they hammered the Hakoah goal and could have equalised, even won, as they had the champions pinned desperately in their 16-metre box.

Referee: A. Farane.

Crowd: 2,907.

— FRANK JORDAN

Marconi dominated the first half and blotted the weary St. George out of the game, but poor shooting by the forwards and good defensive work by Utjesenovic and Jack Reilly kept the score blank at halftime. In this period, the St. George defence was often at sixes and sevens, but Marconi, despite some very good attacking movements, couldn't find the net. After the interval, the picture changed dramatically, and once Alston scored in the 68th minute from a freekick by Herron, St. George never looked back. They took control for the rest of the game, and at the end only Bill Rorke stood between Marconi and a much bigger defeat.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 4,700.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Dead tired in their third match within five days, Ryde can thank luck, a pedestrian opponent and a generous refereeing decision for their win. The typhonic conditions made good soccer totally impossible but the over-fatigued Ryde didn't even appear to fight in this, for them, vital match. For some periods in the second half Auburn, facing the strong wind, actually outplayed them and had Rogers been more accurate with his shooting, could have won the match. The controversial penalty, awarded when Brady allegedly up-ended Alagich, gave Ryde just about their only scoring chance of the day and they took it. Auburn are still a rather colorless lot, making one wonder if their large-scale importation policy is worth pursuing.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 1,700.

— PAUL DEAN

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	16	4	2	62	25	36	
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Auburn	4	4	13	19	32	12	
Canterbury	4	13	23	22	7	5	
Ryde	1	2	18	16	71	4	

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Bankstown	9	2	10	35	36	20	
Manly	9	9	20	33	20		
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Guilford	7	2	12	33	49	16	
Artarmon	3	5	12	21	47	11	
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THIRD DIVISION

	(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
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Granville	12	4	4	35	19	28	
Sutherland	10	6	6	34	23	25	
Balgownie	9	3	9	33	26	21	
Artarmon	9	1	10	38	34	19	
Melita Eagles	8	2	11	33	27	18	
Corinthians	7	2	14	26	29	18	
Guilford	5	6	10	28	33	16	
Polonia	5	2	13	31	48	12	
NS-Inter	4	4	12	18	47	12	
Concordia	—	1	18	3	96	1	

INTER-SUBURBAN

	FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
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Riverside R.	8	6	3	63	27	22	
Uni. NSW	7	4	1	43	21	21	
Newtown	7	2	9	45	41	16	
Condell Park	5	2	9	26	38	12	
Yagoona	6	12	35	58	12		
Kewpie	4	3	11	23	57	11	
South Sydney	—	1	17	9	84	1	

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Ryde	19	1	2	85	30	39
Chelsea	15	5	1	71	19	35
Queens Park	12	7	17	74	24	35
Blacktown	12	1	9	56	36	25
Nepean	11	3	8	54	44	25
Bondi	10	4	8	63	41	24
Sydney Uni.	9	3	9	57	39	21
Maroubra	7	4	11	49	62	18
Dee Why	6	1	15	40	56	13
Auburn	5	3	14	24	56	13
Fairfield-Kiev	4	4	14	42	17	12
Lidcombe	1	21	6	138	2	

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	17	3	2	71	22	37
W. St. George	13	6	3	66	25	32
Macquarie Uni	14	3	5	58	31	31
Arncliffe RSL	14	6	7	74	37	29
Padstow Park	13	2	6	57	39	28
Eastwood	9	7	5	51	37	25
Toongabbie	7	5	10	44	49	19
Kuring-gai	6	5	11	39	35	17
Kogarah	6	4	12	43	55	16
Thornleigh	7	1	14	36	58	15
Greenacre	2	3	16	35	94	7
Liverpool	2	20	26	111	4	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

	FIRST DIVISION	(Second and Third Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George v. Hakoah	1-2	4-1						
Sth. Sydney v. SCU	1-0	2-1						
Canterbury v. P. Hellenic	0-1	0-0						
APIA v. South Sydney	0-3	0-6						
SCU v. Prague	1-3	5-1						
Ryde v. Auburn	0-0	1-1						
Marconi v. St. George	4-0	1-3						
Hakoah v. Wests	2-2	0-1						

SECOND DIVISION

	(All Grades)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinth. v. Granville	1-1	0-5	1-3				
Guilford v. S'land	0-1	0-2	1-1				
Manly v. NS-Inter	1-0	5-0	4-1				
Melita v. Bankstown	1-1	1-1	0-3				
Polonia v. Bal'nie	1-1	3-3	4-1				

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS... THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR WEARY RYDE

Ryde were lucky to get another bite at the semifinal cherry after failing dismally in midweek deferred matches against St. George-Budapest and Prague.

They were let off the hook when South Coast, in the box seat after Ryde's 1-1 draw with Prague, were bundled out by, of all teams, South Sydney last Saturday.

The following day Ryde won the match that really mattered, against Auburn, even though it took a disputed penalty to give them the two points.

As things turned out, however, even a draw would have been enough for Ryde to hang on to fourth place as Marconi couldn't rise to the occasion against St. George.

Hakoah completed the best season of any club in Federation history with a rugged 1-1 draw with St. George on Saturday, then doubled up the next day to beat Western Suburbs 4-3 in a thriller to retain their unbeaten record.

DECISIVE

There were few highlights to speak of in the draw Ryde v. Auburn match, but one decisive moment.

Halfway through the second half Bill Rogers, of Auburn, broke through and got his shot in.

Goalie Cakusic dived and saved brilliantly what could have been a decisive goal — and one that would have put Ryde out of the top four.

AWAKENED

The goal by Adrian Alston in the 68th minute changed the whole pattern of the St. George v. Marconi match.

Saints, who were on the receiving end until that time, woke up with a vengeance and really started clicking.

None of their forwards could cope with the Marconi defenders in the first half, yet in those final 20 minutes they went through almost at will.

Denton missed the easiest of chances in the 70th minute,

but made amends with a beautiful goal five minutes later when he tapped in a square pass from Jim Herron.

LUCKY ESCAPE

In the 73rd minute of the Canterbury v. Pan Hellenic match, winger John Demos had a glorious ball sent through to him.

His speed took him through before Demopoulos came out to meet him, half smothering the shot.

The ball bounced in the air, leaving Demos with an open goal but he hit the upright and the ball rebounded into the goalie's arms.

FEARLESS DIVES

Almost all the goalmouth action in the APIA v. South Sydney match came in the space of three minutes.

In the 54th minute Archibald scored the only goal of the game from a Sullivan pass after the APIA defence stooped for split second to query a "hand" ball.

dived at McLean's feet to save another certain goal.

GOOD SERVICE

Highlights of any description were hard to come by in last Sunday's end-of-season South Coast v. Prague match at Woonona.

In fact, the only thing worth mentioning was the good service the South Coast management provided the small crowd.

The fans were kept informed of the progress scores of the other vital games concerning the fourth place at regular intervals throughout the afternoon — a service, incidentally, which was also provided at Lambert Park and Marks Field.

FREEKICKS

Hakoah's three second half goals against Western Suburbs were scored off freekicks.

Baartz scored direct in the 51st minute and six minutes later he took another "free", from 30 metres which goalie Kelly could not hold and Rutherford scored from the rebound.

Hakoah clinched the two points 17 minutes from the end when they went to a 4-2 lead thanks to Rutherford's freekick which was back-headed by Izatt to Watkiss, who loomed unmarked inside the box and scored.



Goalie Frank Haffey celebrates his joy with the Hakoah fans after David Keddie's equaliser against St. George-Budapest last Saturday.

POSTMORTEM ON A MATCH

Hakoah-complex cripples St. George

— By PAUL DEAN —

A lion-tamer scared of lions either gives a bad performance or is torn to pieces.

St. George are just this sort of lion-tamer, whenever they face Hakoah.

Some kind of deep complex, bordering on psychosis, seems to envelope St. George on such occasions, draining their heart of adrenalin.

Last Saturday was no exception. With the exception of a quarter of an hour or so in the second half, the Saints were too scared, too combative and too meek, all at the same time, to produce their best.

That they still didn't lose, they can largely thank their three newcomers: Utjesenovic, Hamilton and Hogg who refused to be overawed by the occasion.

Hakoah had one of their mediocre days, when they tried to do everything with sheer force.

McNamee and Rutherford, the two wingers, were most ineffective. Had Rutherford been his usual self, against a confused Williams he alone could have decided the match.

Nobody can deny that Hakoah can play a lot better. But one begins to wonder whether they are not placing too much emphasis on physical qualities.

Hillsdon and Fekete were the only two Hakoah players who dared PLAY the game, the others were merely fighting it.

Hakoah's game appears to lack a dash of color and a sprinkling of spice.

They not only play like a Scottish Second Division side; gradually they may become one.

The sooner Silva and Muniz enter the scene again, the better not just for Hakoah, but for the spectators as well.

BIG GAME DIARY

ST. GEORGE v. HAKOAH

4 min.: Haffey drops a lofted freekick from Utjesenovic and has to scramble on all fours to retrieve the ball on his line.

9 min.: A neat flick by Yardley to Watkiss whose angled shot is wide to the right.

14 min.: Watkiss puts Rutherford through, but the left winger's shot is weak and Reilly saves easily.

16 min.: Watkiss' volley off a Rutherford corner grazes the crossbar.

23 min.: A lovely cross by Alston finds Ainslie lurking on the 16-metre line, but his first-time shot is well off-target.

25 min.: Alston hits the left upright with a ground shot and Denton crashes against the woodwork while attempting to latch on to the rebound.

30 min.: Keddie gives the St. George defence the slip, but his shot is wide.

32 min.: A bad lapse by Schaefer lets Rutherford through, but his hard ground shot is brilliantly saved by Reilly.

39 min.: Denton breaks away, crosses to Alston whose header is off the mark.

SECOND HALF

1 min.: Alston races down the right wing, squares his pass across the goalmouth where the unmarked Denton is waiting to intelligently hook the ball just inside the post. St. George 1, Hakoah 0.

8 min.: Alston is in the way of a fierce 12-metre first-time shot by Abonyi — a lucky escape for Hakoah.

14 min.: A great break-away by Denton, but he shoots straight at Haffey.

21 min.: Harris presents Keddie with the ball and the striker's speculative low shot from 20 metres bounces twice before going in past the petrified Reilly, 1-1.

26 min.: Reilly fingertips into corner a freee pile-driver from Baartz.

33 min.: McNamee wins the ball in a goalmouth scrimmage, passes to Keddie, whose full-blooded drive sails over the bar.

37 min.: Referee Sbis "books" Yardley for a foul on Hogg. Some 20 minutes earlier Davey's name had been entered in the little black book for a foul on Denton.

LEADING SCORERS

— FINAL —

M. DENTON (St. George)	17
J. ALAGICH (Ryde)	14
R. BAARTZ (Hakoah)	14
A. ABONYI (St. George)	13
D. KEDDIE (Hakoah)	13
M. HARRIS (South Sydney)	11
M. SULLIVAN (South Sydney)	11
M. TOLSON (SCU)	11

CROWDS

Last week's attendance:

12,940 (13,720).
Average per match:
2,156 (2,286).

Attendance after 22 rounds: 335,640 (340,490).

Weekly average attendance: 15,256 (15,475).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

TEAM of the WEEK

CRNIC (Ryde)	MCQUIRE (APIA)	UTJESENOVIC (St. George)
WATKISS (Hakoah)	MARNOCH (Hakoah)	BLUE (Wests)
WRIGHT (South Sydney)	G. MANUEL (Pan Hellenic)	
DUNLOP (SCU)	ROONEY (Prague)	SPIEKERMAN (Wests)

NSW FIRST DIVISION — FINAL

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P
Hakoah	22	17	5	—	60 19 39	11	9	2	—	34 12 20	11	8	3	—	26 7 19
St. George	22	16	3	3	60 18 35	11	8	2	1	29 9 18	11	8	1	2	31 9 17
Wests	22	13	4	5	42 27 30	11	6	1	4	17 15 13	11	7	3	1	25 12 17
Ryde	22	9	6	7	34 30 24	11	6	3	2	21 12 15	11	3	3	5	13 18 9
South Coast	22	8	7	7	31 32 23	11	5	3	3	22 18 13	11	3	4	4	9 13 10
Marconi	22	7	8	7	35 41 22	11	3	6	2	20 18 12	11	4	2	5	15 23 10
South Sydney	22	9	3	10	35 38 21	11	5	—	6	18 23 10	11	4	3	4	17 15 11
APIA	22	6	5	11	25 40 17	11	1	3	7	7 20 5	11	5	2	4	18 20 12
Auburn	22	5	4	13	24 40 14	11	1	3	7	7 16 5	11	4	1	6	17 24 9
P. Hellenic*	22	8	4	10	36 43 12	11	4	2	5	18 21 10	11	4	2	5	18 22 10
Prague	22	4	2	6	24 46 10	11	2	2	7	12 21 6	11	2	—	9	12 25 4
Canterbury**	22	2	5	15	23 54 5	11	1	1	9	11 27 3	11	1	4	6	12 27 6

* Eight points deducted — ** Four points deducted

**HELP
LEGACY**
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round

Bob has had colorful years in many sports

R. J. "Bob" McKinney, chairman of the Wentworth Park Trust, is one of the quiet, capable officials who can look back on a long career of service to sport.

Wentworth Park is surely the best city arena available to soccer, and Bob McKinney has served for 18 years as a Trust member.

Many soccer followers are unaware of his long connection with the game, as well as his association with the union movement, Trades and Labour Council, and other sports.

In his earlier years Bob served as secretary of the Pyrmont District Soccer Club — the youngest first grade secretary in the State at only 18 years of age.

He had started out as vice-captain of Pyrmont under-16, and captained the under-18 side.

His brother, the late Jimmy McKinney, was reserve for NSW in the

first Czechoslovakian tour of Australia in 1927.

Bob went from Pyrmont juniors to the senior club.

His policy then was to bring on the youngsters. One-time international fullback Sid Robinson and "Sivvy" Thomas provided the experience.

Amongst the then juniors was Artie Quill a great, bustling-centre forward with a deadly shot.

Quill was the star of the Wallsend team for many years, ultimately surrendering his place to the young Reg Date in the late 1940s.

For many years Quill's record of 70 goals for Wallsend in 1937 stood as the "Bolshies" club record.

Another player to develop from the Pyrmont brigade was Tommy

Bourke, who had the distinction of captaining Pyrmont, Annandale-Leichhardt and Gladesville-Ryde during his career.

From club administration and playing Bob McKinney went on to refereeing.

He refereed first grade fixtures for many years, and went on to preside over the Sydney Branch and NSW Soccer Referees Association.

DIRECTOR

As secretary and then president of the Pyrmont-Balmain club in the 1940s, Bob McKinney's qualities brought him to the presidency of the Southern Soccer League, followed by five years as a director of the NSW Association.

One of his contemporaries at that time was

Andy Burton, the first life member of the NSW Federation.

1928 was Pyrmont's year when they won the Metropolitan championship, and were runners-up in the Gardiner Cup.

Then they took out the cup, using players such as George Humphreys, Mick O'Toole, Harry Booth, and Artie Quill.

During the war McKinney was vice-president of the Sydney City Council Welfare Fund.

Again reverting to the juniors, he developed a strong youthful side, which won the Ryde District under-19 premiership and Pacey Cup in 1946.

Pyrmont-Ulmito (renamed Pyrmont-Balmain) was built from this humble beginning.

Club players included a fine goalkeeper in Wal McPherson, and half back Charlie Manning, both of whom went on to play for Leichhardt-Annandale.

Some of the Pyrmont players went on to referee.

Roy Pearce, present First Division whistler, was a regular fullback for Pyrmont, having learned the game on the Northern coalfields.

Speedy winger Gordon Neilson was another to take up refereeing, as was Frank Shisa, who regularly played in the Pyrmont reserve team.

WIDE INTERESTS

Bob McKinney has always been a soccer man, but that has never inhibited his wide sporting interests.

In the Pyrmont-Wentworth Park district he has served basketball, cricket, rugby league, amateur swimming and canvas covered boats.

He was six years president of Balmain Junior Rugby League, and saw such players as Frank Drake, Stanton, Sandercock and Piper come through the junior ranks.

He was pleased to see his son, Rev. Ron McKinney, now a vicar in a parish near Lithgow, enter Anglican church orders.

As well as his interest in soccer, Rev. McKinney has assisted clubs in water polo, swimming and cricket, and also serving the church at Baradine and Tamworth.

Bob McKinney's term of office at Wentworth Park will end next January. Under his tenure the ground has been constantly improved.

HIGH SPOT

One of the high spots of his career was to manage the Sydney team, including that great scorer Reg Date, against the South Coast at Woonona.

His mind can quickly slip back to recall how Wentworth Park manager Paddy Gray was the only player ever to represent NSW at cricket, soccer and rugby league.

Behind all this, one suspects, Bob McKinney is just as firm a believer in bringing the youngsters on as he was in his early years as secretary of the old Pyrmont District club.

— K. GILMOUR

POSTPONED GAMES

ST. GEORGE v. RYDE 4-0

St. George, with a fighting and at times classy display, hammered Ryde 4-0 in a match postponed from the 12th round.

Faster and more aggressive to the ball, St. George never allowed Ryde to settle down to their slower, usually polished game.

Another sparkling display by Attila Abonyi inspired the St. George forwards who, especially in the second half, showed some of their "Tokyo form".

Ryde took the blows on the chin, surprisingly meekly and humbly.

Their slow defence was shattered early in the piece while their forwards, without any support from midfield, were totally disjointed.

St. George: Reilly 3, Harris 4, Schaefer 3, Williams 4, Utjesenovic 5, Hamilton 4, Hogg 4, Ainslie 3, Abonyi 5, Alston 3 (Herron 86 min.).

Ryde: Cakusic 3, Crnich 4, Rudic 4, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 4, Rafanelli 3, J. Alagich 3, Edwards 2, M. Alagich 2 (F. Rudic 58 min.), Takac 3, Waters 3.

Scorers: Hamilton 22 min., Abonyi 35 min., Denton 47 min., Ainslie 67 min.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 2,500.

— L. G.

PRAGUE v. RYDE 1-1

The result flattered Ryde who were outplayed for almost the entire match by an enterprising, smooth-running Prague who have seldom played better this season.

Prague, actually, deserved to win by a couple of goals.

Apart from Armitage twice hitting the post in the last 15 minutes, their forwards had many more chances thanks to Rooney's superb distribution.

Ryde's attack was a one-man affair, with Brajkovic the only threat, and it was only fitting he should notch the equaliser with a direct 35 metre freekick.

Prague: Tuinman 4, Harcombe 3, Henderson 2, Zeman

3, Rootsey 3, Walsh 2 (replaced Weir 15 min.), Armitage 5, Ridley 3, Rooney 5, Reilly 3, Tooma 2.

Ryde: Cakusic 3, Crnich 4, Nacinovic 5, Trkulja 3, I. Rudic 3, Rafanelli 3, J. Alagich 3, Edwards 3 (F. Rudic 76 min.), Brajkovic 4, Takac 3, Waters 3.

Scorers: Armitage 28 min. for Prague; Brajkovic 44 min. for Ryde.

Referee: R. Pearce.

Crowd: 1,660.

— L. G.

STH. SYDNEY v. S.C.U. 2-0

Determination and perseverance played a big part in South Sydney upsetting the South Coast applicart for a semifinal berth.

Souths ran the ball better, particularly in attack where John Doyle was a constant menace with his accurate crosses against a rather shaky Coast defence.

Another factor was the brilliant mood Ron Corry was in, and anybody with less experience would have conceded at least a couple of goals.

Corry's anticipation was perfect, and in the first half alone he superbly blotted two superb headers by Tolson that had good written on them all the way.

South Sydney: Corry 5, Wignall 3, Sosa 4, Shepherd 3, Carr 3, Doyle 4, Kobesack 4, Wright 3, Archibald 3, Sullivan 4 (Harris 67 min.), McLean 2 (Taylor halftime).

South Coast: Cummings 3, Wilson 4, Tuckerman 3, Walker 4, Gleeson 3, Galbraith 4, Dunlop 3, McAvoy 2 (Gruicic halftime), Tolson 4, Harvey 3, McGunnigle 3.

Scorers: Sullivan 22 min., Harris 87 min.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Crowd: 500.

— C. S.

ST. GEORGE v. HAKOAH 1-1

A grim, bruising battle with a frightening percentage of "physical football" ruined this long-awaited clash as a spectacle.

In the first half Hakoah were the more enterprising and with more accurate shooting, could have gone into the lead through Yardley, Watkiss and Keddie although the Sabits also had two great chances.

Denton's quick goal, scored after 30 seconds only in the second half, only intensified the battle.

However, gradually Hakoah came back to equilibrate and the 1-1 draw seemed reasonably fair in the end of a match that could have gone either way.

St. George: Reilly 4, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 5, Williams 2, Schaefer 4, Hamilton 4, Hogg 5, Abonyi 4 (Herron 75 min.), Alston 2, Denton 4, Ainslie 2.

Hakoah: Haffey 4, Davey 3, Marnoch 5, Hillsdon 4, Watkiss 4, Fekete 4, McNamie 3, Yardley 4, Keddie 3, Baartz 4, Rutherford 2.

Scorers: Denton 46 min. for St. George; Keddie 67 min. for Hakoah.

Referee: F. Shisa.

Crowd: 4,000.

P. D.

Tasman Cup goes to Meadowbank

Meadowbank defeated Port Street 3-0 at Garside Park last Wednesday week in front of some 2,500 spectators to win the 1971 Tasman Cup for NSW High Schools.

Scorers for the winners were Stephen Woods (2) and Peter Jewiss.

Woods also took out the Adidas award for "Best and Fairest Player", presented by referee Tony Boskovic.

This was the Meadowbank team which won the coveted trophy: Taylor, McGuinness, Steel, Craven, Woods, Lehtsolu (Tonkin), McDonald, McComish, Lorenz, Jewiss, Cannone (Craig). Reserves were Clarke and Newey.

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SOME OF THESE KIDS ARE TRUE VETERANS

— BY KEITH GILMOUR —

Sydney soccer has seen many phases, and certainly from the public viewpoint there was no brighter period than when Jaros, Baumgartner, Quested, Lord and O'Neill were playing at their top.

Unquestionably if we had these players at full kilter with contemporaries of the standing of Herbert Ninnus and Walter Tamandl at their best we would again be challenging Rugby League for number 1 spot in the city.

But the fact remains that the long-term success of a sport depends upon the skills of the next generation. Each player has his birthright — to have the chance to succeed in his own country in the sport of his choice.

And so it's back to the drawing board, or maybe to Parklea Academy, to build up our young players to a greater pinnacle of soccer success.

Today the coaches, Continental, British and Australian — certainly Australian by adoption — have a gradually improving supply of razor-keen young footballers.

DEVELOPMENT

A glance through the personnel of the NSW under-16 team at the National Youth Championships in Canberra shows the calibre of youth we have for development.

John Brousek, one of the forwards, has represented Southern Districts from under-9 to under-15, gaining a Champion of Champions medal with Canley Vale club in 1970.

He is now with the Granville under-16 side.

Attending Ashcroft High School, John gained six As and a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1970.

He has represented his school in swimming and athletics as well as soccer. Then there's Ross Cambridge.

What a career so far for an under-16 player!

Ross has played for Blue Mountains, Springwood and Blacktown Spurs in the Nepean district, and for Nepean District representative teams.

In 1970 he joined Hakoah thirds halfway through the season.

Then he went to England for three months' training with Crystal Palace club, and returned to Hakoah for the 1971 season.

GIANT

Robert Philpott, a student at Cumberland High School, is 6 ft. 2 in. and weighs 11 stone.

An Epping-Eastwood club product, he went on to join the strong Epping Y.M.C.A. club.

In the under-14 group his Gladesville-Horsby representative team won the State Championship at Wollongong.

Robert has joined Hakoah club, is keen on basketball, and gained fourth in the State for the long jump.

He has specialised in centre-forward and centre-half play.

Wayne Molloyneaux started out with Epping-Eastwood and Marsfield clubs.

He represented Sydney schools at Rugby Union, but soon returned to soccer, and has played for Ryde third grade.

Richard Bell is now skipper of Pan Hellenic thirds, and a keen centre-half.

He began football with Cronulla RSL as a goalkeeper, and has toured Queensland, Canberra and Wagga.

In 1969, his team won its five competitions, including under-14 Champion of Champions.

HELP

Edward Lorenc, a West Ryde product, is a Meadowbank High School player in the Tasman Cup.

Gary Delaney, a Greenacre product, acknowledges the help he has received from his coaches, Terry Bowcott and Eric Arneil.

Glen Bruce, a midfielder, is now with St. George club.

He started with Como West club, represented Sydney Primary Schools in Newcastle, and toured to Queensland with Sutherland Shire under-13s.

Revesby Rovers product Bill Palmer won a State Championship as an under-15 with Bankstown district.

Greg Brown, now with St. George seconds started football at four years of age.

At nine years he played under-12 grade.

Former St. George coach Frank Arok placed him with the first team squad.

At James Cook High School Greg is a keen athlete.

He has also succeeded in cricket and rugby league, and was the youngest player in the State soccer team to tour New Caledonia.

RON LORD

Two NSW under-16s, Peter Holmick and Gary Meier, have been coached by Australia's great goalkeeper, Ron Lord.

Peter was only two when he kicked his first soccer ball while the Pakistan team was training at Olympic Village, Melbourne in 1956.

Jeff Brooks is now with Prague club.

Born at Broken Hill, he played for Gladesville RSL before being promoted to representative football.

Greg Brown is with Canterbury thirds, after playing for Belmore club and Canterbury Association.

Then there is David Isaacs, a Gladesville Ravens product, now with Wests, who gained a State title with Gladesville-Horsby.

Bankstown club has forward turned back Stephen Smith, who graduated from Hume United and Bass Hill RSL club.

From players like these, and hundreds of others, surely we can get the skill and dedication to send Australian soccer in the right direction.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION SUTHERLAND READY TO CELEBRATE PROMOTION

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Sutherland seem certain to win the 1971 promotion race following draws by both Granville and Melita Eagles last weekend.

I can't see Manly taking any points off Sutherland in the last and final match on Sunday.

Granville dropped a point to Corinthians last Saturday and Melita Eagles faltered in the final minutes against Bankstown on Sunday.

Last round's match reports:

Corinthians v. Granville 1-1

In a hard, fast game at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, Corinthians knocked Granville from the top of the ladder when the teams drew 1-1.

Both goals were scored in the first half. Corinthians scoring in the 30th minute when Johnstone put the young David Power through to beat Maher with a rising shot.

Granville equalised half a minute before half-time with a goal by Clive Lee. Corinthians were the more constructive in the second half, but Granville finished strongly and probably had more chances to score.

Corinthians: Wilson, Hendry, Haggett, Peachey, Cilia, Jagger, Cairns, Power (1) (Barnett), Johnstone, (Col-line), Reynolds, McEnally.

Granville: Maher, Hawkins, Biglands, Brown, Staunton, Di Santi, Lee (1), Vrolyks (Loftus), Schauman, Gippert (Williams), O'Neill.

Melita Eagles v. Bankstown 1-1

A goal two minutes from the end by left-winger Jimmy Roberts killed any chance Melita Eagles had for a quick return to First Division.

The wind played havoc with the game, and the ball was uncontrollable at the exposed Mona Park.

After a scoreless first half, Melita scored in the 55th minute when, from a scrimmage, Willie Cunningham netted.

It seemed all settled when suddenly Roberts pounced on a Martin cross and his shot could only be helped into the net by goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

Melita Eagles: Hoszowski, Henrietty, Hewlett, McAusland, Edwards, Duffy, Beattie, Cunningham (1), McCallum, MacDougall, Azzopardi.

Bankstown: Amory, Farrell (Thompson), O'Connor, Madden, Fitzgerald, White, Hoare, Goose, Martin, Delar, Roberts (1).

Manly v. NS-Inter 1-0

NS-Inter, fighting for survival, lost a close battle with Manly at Graham Reserve.

Inter, concentrating on defence, stood up well to Manly and there was no score in the first half.

The game was scrappy because of the wind and the ball when hit went anywhere.

Twenty minutes into the second half Jimmy Ridding broke away for Manly and his cross down the middle was hit first time by Keith Malam past Tony Power.

Manly: Woods, Russell, Newall, Malam (1), Hutchinson, McGill, Jones, Ridding, Boden, Hay, Downs.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Randy, Giacometti, Mucillo, Ardejszewski, Spresian, Polotto, Valdimar, Smit, Nimac.

Guildford v. Sutherland 0-1

A leaping header by Paul Smith three minutes from the start gave Sutherland both points.

Smith, playing at left-half, went up for a corner taken by Alan Piggott and beat goalkeeper Robbie Hoskins with a perfect placement.

Guildford put up a strong fight in defence to cut off most Sutherland moves before they came close to the goalposts.

Guildford: Hoskins, Pierce, Reynolds, Brincat, Jack, Wood, Morley, Shepherd, Northcott, Schofield, Bligh.

Sutherland: Hughes, Perry, Wykes, Bennett, De Bruin, Smith (1), Piggott,

Lavan, Cacciola (Johnson), MacKnight, Suggett (Jordan).

Polonia v. Balgownie 1-1

Strong wind also spoilt this game and with very little interest in the result, neither side seemed to go flat out.

Within a few minutes of kick-off Stan Minol found the net, and five minutes later Balgownie equalised through young Steve Royall.

However, after these two goals most of the play was centred in midfield, and neither side deserved to win both points.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski, Zunis, Starek, Komodor, Skoric, Szmidt, Minol (1), Chodkiewicz, Wozniczko.

THIS WEEK

All the washed out matches of two weeks ago will be played on Sunday.

Sutherland should clinch promotion at home in front of a near-record crowd as we can't see Manly upsetting the champions-elect.

All other matches pale in comparison to this promotion-deciding game.

Metropolitan Championship

UNDER-14	
Bankstown v. Gladesville	2-0
Nepean v. Wests	0-3
Granville v. Canterbury	0-1
Sutherland v. Sth. Districts	5-0
Kuring-gai v. Manly	0-2
St. George had a bye.	
Kuring-gai v. Gladesville	1-1
Manly v. St. George	1-1
Sth. Districts v. Granville	0-4
Canterbury v. Nepean	0-1
Wests v. Bankstown	4-5
Sutherland had a bye.	

UNDER-15	
Bankstown v. Gladesville	5-0
Nepean v. Wests	1-3
Granville v. Canterbury	1-3
Sutherland v. Sth. Districts	0-4
Kuring-gai v. Manly	1-3
Kuring-gai v. Gladesville	0-7
Manly v. St. George	1-2
Sth. Districts v. Granville	1-4
Canterbury v. Nepean	3-1
Wests v. Bankstown	6-1

UNDER-16	
Bankstown v. Gladesville	2-1
Nepean v. Wests	0-4
Granville v. Canterbury	1-3
Sutherland v. Sth. Districts	0-2
Kuring-gai v. Manly	0-0
Kuring-gai v. Gladesville	1-2
Manly v. St. George	0-6
Sth. Districts v. Granville	1-0
Canterbury v. Nepean	2-0
Wests v. Bankstown	1-0

FINAL TABLES

UNDER-14		W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	19	—	3	48	12	38	
Bankstown	17	3	2	65	20	37	
Manly	13	3	6	33	22	29	
Granville	12	2	8	41	26	26	
Canterbury	12	2	8	31	24	25	
Gladesville	11	4	7	30	32	25	
St. George	8	3	9	28	25	25	
Nepean	8	1	12	24	45	19	
Kuring-gai	6	4	13	21	40	17	
Wests	5	4	13	28	52	13	
Sth. Districts	2	3	16	11	58	7	

UNDER-15		W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	14	4	2	65	20	36	
Manly	17	1	4	54	22	36	
Sth. Districts	14	4	5	46	18	32	
Gladesville	15	1	6	60	25	31	
West	12	2	7	33	24	27	
Granville	10	7	5	61	23	27	
Sutherland	11	1	10	36	30	23	
St. George	9	3	11	33	38	21	
Kuring-gai	9	1	12	24	45	19	
Canterbury	4	4	16	16	89	8	
Nepean	3	—	19	16	110	6	

UNDER-16		W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	18	1	3	64	16	37	
St. George	14	4	4	51	18	32	
Sth. Districts	12	7	3	30	26	31	
Canterbury	13	4	5	42	32	30	
Wests	12	4	6	48	32	28	
Gladesville	12	3	7	55	38	27	
Kuring-gai	11	5	6	41	37	27	
Manly	5	6	11	21	35	16	
Sutherland	5	5	12	20	52	15	
Nepean	3	1	18	5	54	7	

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Johnny Wallace, the 20-year-old Melbourne-HSC forward who scored Victoria's only goal against the England FA side, wants to try his luck in British soccer, and hopes to go there at the end of the present Victorian season.

But Wallace could strike snags before he packs his bags.

For Melbourne, I am told, are not too keen to give Wallace, whom they have nursed from their junior ranks since he was nine, a clearance and consider his case quite different from players they import and then go back to Europe.

Wallace, who came from Glasgow, in Scotland, with his parents as a boy and not long back got married, is a keen, ambitious player who realises that if he waits much longer to try his luck in a much higher brand of soccer, time will run out on him.

Frankly, I would have thought Wallace would have tried his hand for a year in the more professionalised Sydney soccer before heading for the rigors of the tough British game.

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Lions, who will be relegated, have three goalkeepers on their books — all with considerable State League first team experience:

The trio is:—

● Miroslaw Litwin, a former top keeper in Poland who was Polonia's first team man for two seasons and is now player-coach of Lions.

● Alex Tochel, the 23-year-old former Glasgow junior, who was the regular first team keeper for most of last season and the early part of this year.

● Bobby Evans, an Englishman who has been with the club for about four years, spent most of last season in Tasmania, and has only recently returned from a quick trip back to the UK.

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Two of Victoria's best known names in soccer come out of retirement this year to take over the clubs they have so often and for so long been associated in the past in the capacity of president. They are Nino Borsari (Juventus) and Theo Marmaras (Hellas), both well known in business in Melbourne. Both spent the biggest part of their lives in Australia since they came here from Italy and Greece respectively. And both have been highly successful in business and have made their mark in the Italian and Greek communities as well as branching out in many fields and aspects of the Australian way of life. Borsari won a gold medal in cycling at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles and won many more top races in Australia after he came here in 1934. He held the office of president of Juventus several times in the past before taking it on again this occasion. Marmaras has been both chairman and president of the Victorian Soccer Federation for many years, and only retired from the latter position last year. He has also been chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation, and has had a long connection in a top capacity with South Melbourne-Hellas.

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Last week's results:—

Wilhelmina 1 (Lynn) d. Melbourne-Hungaria 0; Lions 2 (Chudlak, Livingstone) drew with Alexander 2 (Karapatsos, Brown); Box Hill 1 (Atkins) d. Polonia 0; SM-Hellas 3 (Ackerley 2, Pyrgolios) d. JUST 2 (Buljevic, Rujovic); Hakoah 4 (Rae 2, Gadsby, Waaldyck) d. Juventus 2 (Crombie, Di Marchi); George Cross 2 (Gardiner, Korlevic) drew with Croatia 2 (Hadiavcic, Turicar).

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

WEST RYDE WIN IN BOTH GRADES

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

West Ryde clinched the Second Division championship — and promotion — with a hard fought 4-3 win over Fairfield-Kiev.

Kiev, fighting against relegation, put up spirited opposition and held the champions to 2-2 at half-time.

Star of the match was West Ryde's centre-half David Klein.

Besides marshalling his defence in imposing style, his forays in attack netted three goals.

Player-coach Maurie Smith scored West Ryde's other goal.

To Maurie Smith must go much of the credit for the club's meteoric rise after only three seasons in the

Fairfield-Kiev.

In Third Division this weekend, Padstow Park and Arncliffe RSL are engaged in vital matches against Greenacre and Eastwood respectively.

If Arncliffe are beaten and Padstow Park win, the latter will replace the former in fourth place.

All Inter-Suburban semi-finals will be played next weekend, August 11-12.

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION	
Condell Pk. v. Kewpies	0-1 0-2
Rosebery v. Sth. Sydney	6-1 6-1
Yagoona v. Warringah	2-4 2-1
Newtown v. Ravens	1-1 0-2
Yagoona v. Newtown	2-1 0-2
Uni. NSW v. Rapid	1-1 7-0

SECOND DIVISION	
Sydney Uni. v. Bondi	0-5 0-1
Dee Why v. Lidcombe	2-0 2-0
Blacktown v. Nepean	3-2 0-18
Auburn v. Maroubra	4-3 0-0
Ffield-Kiev v. W. Ryde	3-4 1-12
Queens Pk. v. Chelsea	0-2 3-4

THIRD DIVISION	
Kuring-gai v. Greenwich	2-4 2-1
Kogarah v. Thornleigh	4-3 3-1
Liverpool v. Greenacre	6-1 0-2
W. St. Geo. v. M. Uni.	2-2 7-1
Padstow Pk. v. A'cliffe RSL	2-3 2-4
M. Uni. v. Tongabbie	2-0 1-1
Eastwood v. W. St. Geo.	1-1 1-2

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Condell Park v. Newtown; Allum Park, Sydney Uni. v. Chelsea — Wilson Park No. 10; Kuring-gai v. Eastwood (Second Grade replay) — Artarmon Reserve.
Sunday: Riverside v. Condell Park — Mahony Reserve; Arncliffe RSL v. Eastwood — Mackey Park; Greenacre v. Padstow — Allum Park.

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Sydney Third Division

TITLE TO BANKS CITY

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Banks City have won promotion to Federation Second Division where they will play next season.

By drawing 0-0 with their closest rivals Northern Districts, last Sunday, the Bankstown club made sure of first place irrespective of what happens this weekend when they meet Revesby Workers.

Their promotion was made doubly certain when Marickville, who have had a grand second round, beat Belmore last Saturday.

Marickville players and officials were guests of Banks City last Sunday in a barbecue at the Soccer Centre as part of City's promotion celebrations.

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Lane Cove meet North Bankstown in a vital relegation match as a North Bankstown win would put both teams level on 15 points.

The winner of the Arncliffe Scots v. Belmore deferred match can overtake Campbelltown and finish third.

RESULTS

Belmore v. Marrickville 0-1 1-0
Enmore v. Campbelltown 3-3 0-1
Lane Cove v. Arncliffe 5-2 0-10
Wentworth v. Revesby W. 1-2 0-5
Banks C. v. N. Districts 0-0 0-1
W. S'land v. N. B'town 0-1 2-0

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arncliffe Scots v. Belmore
Cahill Park, Lane Cove v. North Bankstown
Ground to be arranged; Revesby Workers v. Banks City Soccer Centre.

LAST SUNDAY — CHAMPIONSHIP

As generally expected, both Hakoah and St. George cleared their first hurdles fairly smoothly.

They might have had a few anxious moments in the second half but finally won by pretty convincing margins.

If they both repeat their performances next Sunday and record two more wins, the third round of the play-off series may become unnecessary.

DEPLETED HAKOAH STILL TOO CLASSY FOR RYDE

— By PAUL DEAN —

For an almost indecently long period, Ryde seemed to be in the match with some sort of a chance against Hakoah.

Although never really in command of the situation, Ryde must have raised the hopes of their fans when they pulled back two goals from 0-2.

However, this effort must have exhausted their oxygen supply; after that they wilted and eventually gave up the chase.

To make things worse for their temperamental stars, they appealed unsuccessfully for a penalty when Alagich was hindered with the goal at his mercy.

The first minute of the match wasn't over yet when Hakoah struck: a Baartz cross from the byline was headed home by Rutherford, pouncing quickly and decisively like a hungry cobra.

Twenty minutes later Hakoah's class told again: a cross from the right was met by Baartz and his stupendous right foot volley sailed into the roof of the net.

But Ryde still had plenty of fight left in them. In the 29th minute Joe Alagich centred, Brajkovic shot at goal, the ball rebounded from a defender and this time Brajkovic easily scored from a few metres out.

Four minutes later Ryde were almost in again when Joe Alagich's lob, going past Haffey, was headed clear on the line by that great veteran, Hillsdon.

However, Ryde were not to be denied. Capitalising on some temporary confusion in the Hakoah defence, they piled on the pressure.

In the 40th minute Edwards weaved his way through on the right wing, cutting in and out like a faltering engine, before finally speeding towards the goal and sending a glorious left footdrive into the far corner for the equaliser.

DUMBFOUNDED

Hakoah were dumbfounded. Without Yardley, who had to leave the field injured in the 7th minute and without Keddie, dropped for disciplinary reasons, their normally vibrating attack kept purring in a low gear.

Watkins was utterly uncomfortable among the forwards while Muniz proved that he is no Hilton Silva. Just when a deadlock loomed a possibility, Hakoah managed to get an unexpected goal that sealed Ryde's fate.

In the 60th minute Fekete's pass found McNamee and he calmly, almost arrogantly lifted the ball into the corner from some 12 metres.

From now on it was mainly Hakoah; the Ryde sorters lacked urgency and conviction and their stamina was also waning.

Yet Hakoah had to wait until the 85th and 88th

minute to add further goals to their tally.

The first came from a Walsh pass which McNamee casually flicked home while the second from a Fekete cross. The ball went to Watkins on the byline, who pulled it back and there was Marnoch, sinking on his knees, heading the ball under the bar from close range.

All those who saw the match will agree that Hakoah had played much better before.

And this must apply, despite the five goals, mainly to the forward line which broke Ryde's resistance only when the difference in physical qualities came to the surface.

Marnoch and Hillsdon, two great, veteran fighters were the star defenders; Davey's play tends to be excessively and unnecessarily unclear.

Fekete had perhaps his best match for a long time in midfield and Gardiner, Yardley's replacement, was his worthy partner.

McNamee is definitely improving and this ex-Tranmere winger may prove to be an asset soon.

SURPRISE PACKET

Baartz was the heart and soul of this attack where Muniz was most disappointing and Rutherford a passer for at least 55 minutes.

Walsh, who later replaced Muniz on the wing, was the surprise packet of the match; it's doubtful whether Hakoah would have won so convincingly without him.

Ryde played with tremendous spirit while their strength lasted.

However, it was evident that sooner or later their ranks become sufficiently loosened under the constant barrage.

Trkulja in defence and Joe Alagich in attack were Ryde's driving forces though Crnic and Waters also lasted better than most of their colleagues.

Brajkovic, as usual, showed us a glimpse of his technical armory, while Rudic displayed his periodic ill-temper which earned him another expulsion.

There is little doubt that a full Hakoah, with Keddie, Yardley and a fit Rutherford, would have settled the issue long before the final minutes of the game.

But the occasion served its purpose: Hakoah proved, finally in practise, that their reserve strength is justly envied by all other clubs.

It wasn't a great display by Hakoah; not even a very convincing one.

Yet it turned out to be quite adequate against a largely unfit opponent who may have the talent, but

HAKOAH v. RYDE 5-2

certainly not the strength to worry the 1971 league champions.

Hakoah: Haffey 3, Davey 3, Hillsdon 5, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 5, Fekete 4, Muniz 2 (Walsh 60 min.), Yardley (Gardiner 7 min.), Rutherford 2 (injured), Baartz 4, McNamee 3.

Ryde: Cajkusic 3, Crnic 3, Nacinovic 3, Trkulja 4, I. Rudic (sent off), Rafan-

eli 3, J. Alagich 4, Edwards 3, Brajkovic 3, M. Alagich 3 (Volar 84 min.), Waters 4.

Scorers: Rutherford 1 min., Baartz 20 min., McNamee 60 and 85 mins., Marnoch 88 min. for Hakoah; J. Alagich 29 min., Edwards 40 min. for Ryde.

Referee: A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 9,100 (double-header).



Ross Kelly, the Western Suburbs goalkeeper, was subjected to intense pressure in the second half against St. George-Budapest last Sunday. Here he punches the ball coveted by Adrian Alston over the bar while fullback Johnny Hargreaves awaits the outcome.

AINSLIE REVIVAL CAME TO THE SAINTS' RESCUE

A largely indifferent first half by St. George was followed by a very entertaining and polished second period during which they methodically demolished Wests into ruins.

The Saints scored in the 7th minute when, after an Ainslie-Denton combination the ball got to Herron whose quick flick landed the first goal of the goal-rich afternoon.

However, St. George couldn't live up to their early promise and gradually Wests gained the upper hand.

Their high lobs into the St. George goalmouth all spelt danger, with Bijkerk and Turner getting their heads to these crosses consistently.

Turner kept both Schaefer and Utjesenovic busy while Bijkerk, now apparently back for good from the mothballs, distributed well.



MANFRED SCHAEFER

It was Bijkerk, who, in the 41st minute, could have brought up the equaliser when his header smashed against the bar, with Reilly well beaten.

In the 55th minute Saints scored the most important goal of the match that settled the issue for good.

Williams dispatched Ainslie on the left wing with

a long ball and his perfect cross was headed into the corner by a jack-knifed Denton.

Eight minutes later it could have been 3-0 when Alston's drive came back from the right post.

Wests made one more valiant attempt to save the game when, in the 66th minute, Kinnell scored following a corner.

SWANSONG

But that was their swansong. In the 76th minute Ainslie's dipping drive from 30 metres zoomed into the net and four minutes later Herron scored his second goal, following yet another perfect pass from Ainslie.

Once in full swing, St. George played with confidence and zest.

Ainslie's improved form had a great deal to do with this; he scored one goal and had a direct hand in the others.

Herron, the replacement for the injured Abonyi, probably got himself a permanent place in the team with his two professionally taken goals.

But for me, the real star of the team was George Harris, the steadily improving fullback who tackled well and then had enough stamina to overlap on the wing.

DISORGANISED

The St. George defence was anything but steadfast in the first half when only luck saved them from at least one, perhaps two certain goals.

However, after the interval they rose to the task and easily coped with the disorganised West sorties.

ST. GEORGE v. WESTS 4-1

Hamilton and Hogg, the two recently arrived Scots, are enormous gains for the team while Utjesenovic, after an early goof or two, again became the reliable stopper.



ILJA TAKAC

Up front Denton was his usual self but Alston, try as he may, is still badly out of touch.

Wests looked good for the first 45 minutes when they were the more composed and more purposeful of the two teams.

Later they faded somewhat and towards the end were on the verge of collapse.

Guildea, this unsung hero of the West defence as well as Kinnell and Johnston were the mainstays of the team.

However, the forwards fell down badly on their

job and only the occasional bustings of Turner and excellent aerial work of Bijkerk saved them from total disgrace.

It seems to be a great pity that this otherwise talented and balanced team should suffer from such chronic forward weakness.

But while it does, it cannot seriously aspire to reach greater heights.

Byles at times showed flashes of imagination and talent, but Spiekerman was completely ineffective while his replacement, Jack, hardly had a chance to warm to his formidable task.

COHESION

The greater clan, cohesion and much superior attacking potential won the day for St. George.

They were not unbeatable on the day, as their patchy first half display proved — but well beyond the reach of Western Suburbs in their most pedestrian mood.

St. George: Reilly 4, Harris 5, Williams 4, Schaefer 4, Utjesenovic 4, Hamilton 4, Hogg 4, Ainslie 4, Denton 3, Herron 3, Alston 2.

Wests: Kelly 3, Van Blerk 3, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Byles 3, Guildea 4, Bijkerk 3, Turner 3, Spiekerman 2 (Jack 79 min.).

Scorers: Herron 7 and 80 min., Denton 55 min., Ainslie 76 min. for St. George; Kinnell 66 min for Wests.

Referee: F. Sbisa.

— PAUL DEAN

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	15	4	3	44	18	34
Prague	14	3	5	34	19	31
St. George	13	4	5	42	24	30
South Sydney	13	3	6	52	19	29
West	11	7	4	35	23	29
Hakoah	11	2	8	34	28	24
Marconi	11	1	8	31	25	23
SCU	7	3	12	35	42	17
Ryde	7	3	13	27	50	17
Canterbury	4	3	15	23	55	11
Pan Hellenic	3	5	13	13	40	11
APIA	2	5	12	29	49	9

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	17	1	4	59	22	35
Granville	14	2	4	49	21	34
Melita Eagles	15	3	4	46	24	33
Corinthians	14	3	4	47	29	31
Balgownie	8	6	8	42	35	22
Polonia	9	2	10	50	45	20
Bankstown	9	2	11	36	38	20
Manly	8	4	10	31	39	20
Guilford	7	3	12	33	49	17
Artarmon	6	5	12	21	47	12
NS-Inter	3	2	16	24	56	8
Concordia	2	4	15	25	68	8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	15	6	1	53	18	36
Manly	15	3	2	70	30	33
Granville	13	5	4	53	27	31
Sutherland	14	3	5	57	30	31
Balgownie	13	5	4	45	27	31
Polonia	8	5	9	37	37	21
Guilford	9	1	12	30	49	19
Melita Eagles	8	4	10	36	44	20
Corinthians	6	1	15	30	51	13
Polonia	3	4	13	35	57	10
Concordia	4	1	16	24	76	9
NS-Inter	2	1	19	14	50	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	18	2	2	70	13	38
Manly	17	4	1	62	15	38
Granville	17	4	1	63	19	30
Sutherland	11	5	4	60	26	27
Balgownie	10	3	9	36	28	23
Artarmon	10	1	10	40	34	24
Melita Eagles	9	2	11	35	27	20
Corinthians	7	4	11	28	32	18
Guilford	5	6	11	28	35	16
Polonia	5	2	14	31	51	12
NS-Inter	4	1	15	18	49	12
Concordia	1	1	19	3	104	1

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Banks City	12	5	4	43	23	29
N. Districts	10	6	3	42	21	26
Balmore	11	4	7	35	31	26
Campbelltown	10	5	7	34	30	25
Arndcliffe Scots	9	6	7	40	34	24
Revesby	10	3	9	42	23	23
Marrickville	6	7	7	43	42	21
W. Sutherland	6	9	7	41	40	21
Enmore	8	5	9	41	45	21
Wentley	7	4	11	33	51	18
Lane Cove	4	1	13	33	53	12
N. Bankstown	5	3	13	30	48	13

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	16	2	1	68	17	34
Warringah	11	4	3	42	21	26
Riverside R.	9	6	7	29	29	24
Gladesville R.	9	6	3	56	31	24
Uni. NSW	8	4	6	32	21	20
Newtown	8	2	9	50	42	18
Concord Park	5	2	11	29	50	12
Yagouga	6	1	12	35	58	12
Kewpie	4	3	11	23	57	11
South Sydney	1	1	17	9	84	1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Ryde	19	1	2	85	30	39
Chelso	15	6	1	74	22	36
Queens Park	17	1	4	77	24	35
Blacktown	12	1	9	56	36	25
Nepean	11	3	8	54	44	25
Bondi	10	4	8	63	41	24
Sydney Uni.	7	4	9	40	42	22
Maroubra	7	4	11	48	62	18
Dee Why	6	1	15	40	56	13
Auburn	5	3	14	24	56	12
Fairfield Kiev	4	4	14	42	17	12
Lidcombe	1	2	1	61	38	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenwich	17	3	2	71	22	32
W. St. George	13	6	3	66	25	32
Arndcliffe RSL	15	1	6	85	39	31
Macquarie Uni	14	3	5	58	31	31
Padstow Park	14	2	6	61	39	30
Eastwood	10	7	6	55	46	27
Toongabbie	7	5	10	44	49	19
Ku-ring-gai	6	5	12	39	37	17
Kogarah	6	4	12	43	58	16
Thornleigh	7	1	14	36	58	15
Greenacre	2	3	17	35	98	7
Liverpool	2	20	26	11	4	

RESULTS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs v. Hakoah	2-0					

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West v. Canterbury	1-0					
Prague v. Ryde	1-0					

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland v. Manly	4-1	1-1	3-2			
NS-Inter v. Melita	1-2	1-2	0-2			
Brown v. Polonia	1-2	4-0	3-0			
B'gownie v. Corinth	0-2	3-1	3-2			
G'ville v. Concordia	3-0	5-0	8-0			
G'ford v. Artarmon	0-0	1-3	0-2			

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'cffe Scots v. Belmore	1-2	4-2				
Revesby v. Banks City	1-6	2-2				

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Concord Park v. Newtown	1-5	2-1				
Riverside v. Concord Park	2-2	2-4				

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sydney Uni. v. Chelsea	3-3	2-2				

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai v. Eastwood	0-2					
Greenacre v. Padstow Pk.	0-4	1-3				
A'cffe RSL v. Eastwood	9-2	0-2				

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

GREAT WIN GIVES SUTHERLAND TITLE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

In a great finale, Sutherland crushed Manly 4-1 to win the Second Division championship and promotion next season.

The relegation issue will only be decided when bottom teams Concordia and NS-Inter play their postponed matches this Sunday.

Last weekend's match reports:

Sutherland v. Manly 4-1

Sutherland clinched promotion with a powerful display, but not without getting a premature jolt as Manly stormed their way in the first 60 seconds and Keith Malam, following through a corner, beat Hughes with a thunderous drive.

It took Sutherland 40 minutes to recover when Colin Bennett equalised five minutes from half-time.

Sutherland gradually gained the upperhand in the second half and Alan Piggott (1), Lavan, Johnson, MacKnight, Cacciola.

Manly: Woods (Gee), Newall, Russell, Crawford, Hutchinson, Malam (1), Jones, Boden, Hay, Ridding, Downes.

NS-Inter v. Melita Eagles 1-2

Melita Eagles were lucky to get both points in a spiteful game.

Three players, Polletto and Smit from Inter, and Duffy.

AMATEUR PROGRAM SATURDAY

Third Division deferred match: Lane Cove v. North Bankstown — Gore Creek Reserve.

First Division Inter-Suburban semifinals: Uni NSW v. Rosebery Rhodes (Second Grade), Rosebery Rhodes v. Riverside Rapid (First Grade) at Bankstown Soccer Centre; Gladesville Ravens v. Warringah Saints (both grades) at Garside Park.

Second Division Inter-Suburban semifinals: West Ryde v. Bondi Marines (Second Grade), West Ryde v. Queens Park (First Grade) — Mackey Park; Sydney Uni. v. Queens Park (Second Grade), Chelsea v. Blacktown (First Grade) — Allum Park.

SUNDAY

Third Division semifinals: Arndcliffe Scots v. Banks City (Second Grade), Banks City v. Belmore (First Grade) — Marks Field; Wentley Waratah v. Northern Districts (Second Grade), Northern Districts v. Campbelltown (First Grade) — Garside Park.

Third Division Inter-Suburban semifinals: Ku-ring-gai v. Greenwich (Second Grade), Greenwich v. Arndcliffe RSL (First Grade) — Mackey Park; Eastwood v. West St. George (Second Grade), Macquarie University v. West St. George (First Grade) — Allum Park.



JOHN DUFFY
(Melita Eagles)

of Melita, were sent off midway in the second half.

Melita took the lead in the second minute when McAusland beat Power with a well-placed header.

After the interval, Inter equalised through Nimac and minutes later almost scored again, but the ball hit the crossbar.

Nick McCallum scored with 20 minutes to go for the Eagles but Inter finished strongly.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Gray, Giacometti, Mucillo, Ardzewski, Spresian (Smit), Polletto, Valdimar, Randy, Nimac (1).

Melita Eagles: Hosowski, Henriety, Hewlett, Molyneux, Edwards, Duffy, Beattie (Chirchop), Cunningham, McCallum (1), McAusland, Azopardi.

Granville v. Concordia 3-0

Concordia could only hold out for the first 20 minutes before two goals by Les Schuurman and one by Clive Lee gave the Magpies a comfortable 3-0 at half-time.

Concordia played better in the second half but the battle was lost by then.

Granville: Maher, Hawkins (Creilly), Biplands, Brown, Staunton, Di Santi, Lee (1), Volyks, Schauman (2), Giffert, O'Neill.

Balgownie v. Corinthians 0-2

This was a hard, fast game throughout and there was no score at half-time.

Matt Collins scored the first goal for Corinthians and Michael Cairns, the division's top scorer, sealed the result.



VIC REYNOLDS
(Corinthians)

Balgownie: Holbrow, W. Bradford, Piec, Edgely, T. Bradford, Hall, McGuckin, Naylor, Royall, Patterson, Freeme.

Corinthians: Wilson, Cairns (1), Haggart, Barnett, Cilia,

Peachey, Tussie (Jagger), Power (Cooper), Johnston, Reynolds, Collins (1).

Bankstown v. Polonia 1-2

Winger Bobby Goose gave Bankstown the lead in the first half when he scored a good goal from 20 metres.

Polonia lifted its game and Polewski equalised soon after the resumption.

Tony Komoder scored the winning goal eight minutes from the end when he brilliantly steered the ball into the net from a freekick just outside the box.

Bankstown: Amory, Farrell, Madden, White, Fitzpatrick, O'Connor, Roberts, Martin, Dellar, Goose (1), Hpare.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Tomaszewski, Zunis, Starek, Komoder (1), Skoric (Polewski, 1), Szmidt, Minol, Chodkiewicz, Wozniczko.

Guilford v. Artarmon 0-0

Both teams missed many chances, Guilford in particular in the first half.

As a game it was disappointing as both sides played defensively.

Guilford: Hoskins, Brincat, Reynolds, Morn, Jack, Woods, Morley, Hann, Shepherd, Schofield, Bligh.

JUNIOR CROWN TO S.A.

South Australia scored a 1-0 win against NSW in the final of the Australian Junior Championship in Canberra last Sunday.

NSW had no answer for their young opponents' skill and were beaten by the better team.

The result did not surprise keen observers, who were of the opinion that this year's NSW squad lacked the individual class performers of past vintages.

Details of the carnival:

NSW 5 (G. Delaney 3, G. Brooks, G. Brown) d. Tasmania 1 (E. Longo); South Australia 1 (K. Turner) drew Western Australia 1 (G. Clarke); Victoria 1 (G. Coles) d. Queensland 0; Northern NSW 4 (R. Mosewa 2, J. Allen, S. Werren) d. ACT 1 (K. Whicello).

NSW 8 (Brooks scored six goals) d. Northern NSW 0; Queensland 2 d. Western Australia 1; South Australia 1 d. Victoria 0; ACT 3 d. Tasmania 1.

NSW 2 (G. Delaney, G. Brown) d. ACT 0; Northern NSW 5 (S. Werren 3, G. King, R. Mosewa) d. Tasmania 0; South Australia 2 (G. Davis, K. Turner) d. Queensland 0; Western Australia v. Victoria 0-0.

Consolation: ACT 1 v. WA 1, Queensland 6 d. Tasmania 1.

Semifinals: NSW 1 (G. Delaney) d. Victoria 0; South Australia 3 (G. McGregor, K. Turner, T. Alder) d. Northern NSW 2 (V. Juchiewicz, S. Werren).

Third place play-off: Victoria d. Northern NSW 2-1. **Final:** South Australia 1 (B. Leane) d. NSW 0.

Sutherland coach quietly confident

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

"There will be no progress until Australian players are the backbone of Australian soccer."

These were the words of Sutherland coach Mike Johnson after his side beat Manly 4-1 last Sunday to clinch the 1971 Second Division championship and promotion for the 1972 season.

Johnson added: "I'm happy for the boys who put everything they had into it, and I hope to continue using local young players with success."

Three years of hard work and meticulous dedication earned Mike Johnson and Sutherland the big time on Sunday when they defeated Manly to win the 1971 Second Division championship.

Sutherland cleared the ladder by only one point from hotly pursuing rivals Granville — a good indication of the close fight for promotion this season.

Mike Johnson, certainly one of the most under-rated soccer coaches in NSW, spared no effort in achieving his ambitions as he started this project from rock-bottom in pursuit of promotion.

LONG ODDS

Sutherland's promotion was achieved against long odds, but it is a victory for soccer generally, as we now tap the huge potential of the Sutherland district which has laid dormant for many years.

Bordering the strong rugby league district of the successful St. George team, Sutherland derived little public support for soccer despite their flourishing and well organised junior soccer competitions.

But success and good performances by Sutherland during the concluded season drew gates of 2,000-plus crowds — undreamed of, say, four years ago.

Club officials are very hopeful that if Sutherland makes good in First Division in 1972, crowds at Seymour Shaw Park will swell to something like 6,000 to 7,000 at important matches.

And the basis of this estimate is the fact that Sutherland will continue with its policy that the composition of their team will essentially remain of district players.

Mike Johnson came to Australia from First Division London club Fulham in 1963 to play for South Coast United and later South Sydney.

His South Sydney move was not a success and after a trip to England, he returned and took over Sutherland in 1968, first as a coach, and then as a player when the side was confronted with relegation to amateur ranks.

SOLE BOSS

REVIEW OF '71 SEASON LATE SIGNINGS FAILED TO SAVE DOOMED C'BURY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Loved to death by their friends, Canterbury met a sorry, if not totally unexpected fate in 1971.

With the kind of pals that disgraced themselves by forcing the abandonment of the match against Hakoah, Canterbury certainly doesn't need enemies.

We don't subscribe entirely to the theory that the Berries' relegation was due to the four points deducted after the fiasco which marred their opening league match.

Prague, anyhow, finished with one point to spare.

But there can be no doubt that the weeks that followed the stiff points deduction had a most unsettling effect, from which the Berries never recovered.

After a shock, hope-raising 3-2 win against South Sydney immediately after the Arlington debacle, Canterbury had to wait for 13 weeks for their second, and only other win of the season — a 4-3 against Prague — which again lifted their hopes.

The team which continued to play as spare parts.

The former Victorians, Keri and Pocock, are not without talent, but it was expecting too much to hail them as saviors when they were performing in the midst of an unfit team which rarely lasted the distance.

In several matches Canterbury started like a house on fire, even managing to run some of the top-bracket teams off their feet.

Inevitably, however, the second half story was always the same: the Berries died on their feet and as they ran out of steam, the opposition piled on the pressure and a 1-0, or 1-1 at halftime became a two or three-goal defeat when the 90 minutes were over.

During Les Scheinflug's brief reign there were signs of improved conditioning and more mature tactical thinking.

It's hardly surprising that so few players made a mark this season in Canterbury.

Ironically, among their best players in the championship were their two unheralded buys, Kulak and Zivkovic.

The ex-Polonia midfielder was easily their outstanding player until injured against South Coast.

He then dropped out to take over the coaching after Scheinflug departed over a financial dispute.

Zivkovic played in all but three matches and battled on gamely.

The industrious Yugoslav from Adelaide deserves a better team next season.

Pocock and Keri, as stated above, were the pick of the late acquisitions, while of the old and faithful guard which has stuck with Canterbury through thick and thin, Joe Whitehead gave best service.

Raeburn, again plagued by injuries, came good in the latter stages when all was lost while John Xipollitas recovered after a nervous start.

Bob Hardy was in decline, as was Terry Thompson.

Canterbury's management is decided to carry on and fight their way back from Second Division.

We wish them luck, but it will be a long, hard road back under their present set-up.



DAVID ZEMAN

should climax a great season with his first full cap for Australia.

Besides Rooney, it's hard to single out any other Prague player this season. Tuinman seems to have made the goalkeeping position his for 1972 after seizing his chance in the last seven rounds, but he will have to confirm himself next year.

Harcombe was his usual self in defence, solid, and no more.

New boy Dave Weir fell short of expectations, and was terribly injury-prone into the bargain, while the Dane, Pedersen, disappeared after 10 rounds.

Zeman, not so long back in the reckoning for Australian honors, had a most undistinguished season as had Butler, the former-Victorian and Ridley, secured from APIA at the same time as Hakoah's Rianelli, who only played one half for Prague!

Ray Rootsey perhaps deserves to be ranked in second place, a long way behind Rooney.

Not for one moment, though, could one envisage him as international material as was the case a couple of years ago when he was knocking on the door.

Of the younger players who appeared fleetingly, McDonald looks the most promising, but Prague have "produced" so many youngsters who vanished without a trace just as quickly, that one must remain doubtful until he proves himself further.

Prague's social club has not turned out to be the bonanza expected.

In fact, it may have been more of a hindrance than a help as far as the soccer team is concerned.

As things are unlikely to get any better in the foreseeable future, Prague's ambitions will necessarily have to be limited in 1972.

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1 (c), 2 (a), 3 (a), 4 (b), 5 (c), 6 (b), 7 (c), 8 (a), 9 (c), 10 (c).

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	13	4	3	46	16	30
Hollas	11	7	2	39	16	29
Croatia	11	4	5	33	19	26
Melbourne	11	3	6	30	19	25
Wilhelmina	9	3	8	34	28	21
George Cross	7	7	6	28	36	21
Polonia	8	4	8	19	25	20
Juventus	9	1	10	27	19	19
Hakoah	7	4	9	37	37	18
Alexander	4	5	11	19	37	13
Box Hill	4	5	11	14	33	13
Lions	1	3	16	10	42	5

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Over the past 14 years since the Victorian State League was formed no club has ever managed to win the lot in one season. By the lot, I mean the State League title, Dockerty Cup, Ampol Cup, State League Cup (when it has been played) and the Australia Cup, which has been in abeyance for the past three years.

Of course, if one wants to make the situation more impossible, the Inter-City Ampol Cup could also be tossed in.

Croatia and Juventus come nearest in their collection of awards in the same season.

In 1968, Croatia won the Ampol Cup, State League title and Dockerty Cup, while last year (1970) Juventus won both the State League title, the State League Cup, and also the Dockerty Cup.

But despite the achievements of that pair, I rate Melbourne-HSC in front because in 1967 the Hungarian-sponsored side won the Australia Cup and the State League championship — no mean feat.

Polonia and JUST have both won the State League title and the Dockerty Cup in the same season.

Slavia won the Dockerty Cup and the Ampol Cup the same year and South Melbourne-Hellas is the only club to have won the league title three years in a row.

Since the State League was formed in 1958, this is the list of title-winners:

1958 — Juventus	1965 — SM-Hellas
1959 — Wilhelmina	1966 — SM-Hellas
1960 — Polonia	1967 — Melbourne
1961 — Polonia	1968 — Croatia
1962 — SM-Hellas	1969 — JUST
1963 — JUST	1970 — Juventus
1964 — SM-Hellas	

The first main round of the 1971 Dockerty Cup competition which comprises the 12 State League sides and the four qualifiers from the minor leagues — Keilor City, Dandenong, Sunshine City and Slavia — is still far from completed and, in fact, will not be over until at least Show Day, on September 23. So far the competition has proved something of a financial flop, and carrying the burden of a three times played Box Hill v. Polonia marathon with extra-time on each occasion and still without a result, has really rubbed salt into the wounds. The inability of South Melbourne-Hellas to beat Keilor City at the first attempt hasn't helped matters either. The competition must be providing big headaches to the Federation in regard to completion dates, and to those clubs still left in the competition with no serious chance of winning their way to the finals and the possibility of some real money. It makes one wonder if the Dockerty Cup has not outlived its usefulness in its present form, and I question if the tournament can last much longer as it has lost its appeal and is no longer a money-spinner.

Last week's results:

JUST 5 (Buljevic, Rujevic, Lopatic, Kazi, Micic) d. Lions 2 (Mills, Kulyk), Croatia 2 (McIntyre, Kuzilek) v. Wilhelmina 2 (Muskee, Ollerton), George Cross 2 (Ricks, Gardiner) d. Box Hill 0, SM-Hellas 3 (Marshall, Armstrong, Ackerley) v. Melbourne-HSC 3 (Wallace, Scott, McColgan), Hakoah 2 (Waldyck, Rae) d. Polonia 1 (Plaskota), Alexander 3 (Mangopoulos 2, Karapatsos) d. Juventus 1 (Webster).

— JIM COOK

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JIM FRASER

In between wins, the arrival of Les Scheinflug from Marconi and the mass purchase of players, succeeded in pinching points here and there from draws, the most deserving of which was a 1-1 with champions Hakoah.

Despite their commendable efforts to fight against overwhelming odds, Canterbury's management learnt the hard way that you don't buy success.

Fraser, Blitz, Montgomery, Keri and Pocock, all signed on at the same time, never really blended into

PRAGUE'S FALL

For that vanishing breed, the Prague supporter, the end of the come soon enough to relieve him/her of five months of sheer hell.

Prague can justly claim several hard-luck stories this season which robbed them of players right through the championship, but the root of their troubles goes deeper than that.

Granted that Armytage, who showed dazzling form against Dynamo Moscow, missed half the league program; that Peter Walsh was injured in the first game against APIA, and had to sit it out for seven weeks; and that Blanco, Weir and Henderson were all also sidelined at various intervals.

But these mishaps alone don't explain all that went wrong with Prague in 1971.

I am not convinced that even with all their players available, they would have collected many more points.

Putting it bluntly, I think the team is at its right place in second last position.

With Gary Manuel gone to Pan Hellenic, their playing staff, in my opinion, was only superior to Canterbury's and perhaps, on a par with Auburn.

The club never recovered from the loss of Joe Venglos and coaching has been a problem ever since.

Perhaps if Leo Baumgartner stays long enough at the helm of the club which made him famous, and vice-versa in soccer's golden days, Prague's fortunes may take a turn for the better.

They certainly can't sink any lower as relegation is the next step down the ladder.

Prague, this year, was a team without a pattern, in startling contrast to the Cambal-Venglos era when they earned the reputation of Sydney's method side.

The only bright spot in a depressing picture was the brilliant form displayed by Jim Rooney in the second half of the championship.

It took the former Victorian 16 months to find his bearings in Sydney soccer, but then he came on with a vengeance, and it's perhaps not exaggerated to claim that if the club is still in First Division, they owe it to Rooney.

Rooney's fine displays for NSW and Australia this season suggest he is in the national squad to stay.

In the Oceania Cup, in Noumea in October, he

fly in a group at 10% less

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LAST SUNDAY — CHAMPIONSHIP

West's, coming to life unexpectedly, saved the round-robin from the tedium of one-team domination.

By impudently inflicting upon Hakoah their first defeat in a year and the biggest in many seasons, they kept the series open, possibly till the last minute.

St. George, as always, progressed smoothly and efficiently to the gates of heaven.

However, it still remains to be seen whether they will have the fortitude and talent to take that last step.

WESTS' SUPERB DISPLAY KNOCKED HAKOAH FLAT

— By PAUL DEAN —

There must be something in the Sportsground soil that, about this time of the year, affects the all-conquering Hakoah.

Just like a year ago against South Sydney, this time against West's they folded up completely, suffering in the process their first defeat since that match of 1970.

But more about them later. What about West's? They started off oozing with confidence and could have been one up in the 6th minute when Spiekerman's cross was just missed by Byles.

Six minutes later Hakoah had their chance — and few would have imagined that it's going to be a rarity on the afternoon.

After a Keddie solo a scramble developed in the West goalmouth, the ball smashed against the post first, then rolled across the line with not one blueshirt to push it in.

Van Blerk, Spiekerman and Kinnell threatened the Hakoah goal before the onslaught bore fruit.

"OWN GOAL"

In the 20th minute a tentative long ball by Guildea was chased by Turner and Marnoch; the Hakoah stopper headed it home to the advancing Haffey, who decided to clear it with a kick — which hit Marnoch on the shin and rolled back gently in the open goal.

Watkins, quite lost in the forward line, replied with a long lob from 35 metres that hit the bar; a minute later Van Blerk cleared on his line.

But West's were not to be denied. With Bijkerk brilliantly defusing the Hakoah pivot Marnoch, they poured on the pressure, testing and probing the weak spots of the champions.

In the 33rd minute West's scored their second goal. Spiekerman curved in a corner from the left and Kinnell rose highest to head the ball over the groping Haffey, with Marnoch desperately trying to hit the ball clear.

Now the Hakoah defence short-circuited. In the 38th minute Byles wriggled free on the wing, sent in a knee-high cross and Bijkerk swept it in from a few metres past the mesmerised Haffey.

Three minutes later it was all over. Byles shot at goal, Haffey cleared only partially and there was Bijkerk, Marnoch's savage tormentor of the day, to ram in the ball.

Hakoah started off with a vengeance in the second half and when Keddie scrambled the ball home in the 50th minute, some of their fans might have had visions of a come-back.

But West's stayed in control. With an immaculate display by their veterans Kinnell and Blue, they slowed the game down, content to let Hakoah do all the work.

Walsh and twice Baartz shot, but the balls went high and wide from a distance and all the Hakoah attacks were in vain.

ENTERPRISING

Then, unexpectedly, West's went further ahead. In the 77th minute Fekete committed a senseless foul and Kinnell, from some 20 metres, ever so delicately, placed the ball into the upper far corner past the stretching Haffey.

West's won handsomely because on the day they were more enterprising, more aggressive and also more brilliant team.

Their tactics were simple: the defenders tackled rock-hard, with Guildea sticking to Keddie like glue.

In the midfield Kinnell, Johnston and Blue, three grand veterans, completely outshone their Hakoah counterparts.

From this trio dozens of perfect passes were flowing forward to a line that had an inspired day.

As I briefly mentioned, Bijkerk in the middle out-classed Marnoch — and found the key to the weakness of the Hakoah defence.

It was good to see this long neglected fine player have such a great day, and he couldn't have picked a better occasion to mark his come-back.

Whenever Bijkerk played a ball back, there was the always willing and eager Turner bursting through and giving the Hakoah defenders constant worry.

Spiekerman had one of his inspired days and Byles, with another fine display, has also arrived for good.

EXPOSED

Hakoah were almost unrecognisable. Without the effectiveness of Marnoch in the middle, the slowness of Hillsdon and Davey was painfully exposed.

Even the usually busy Fekete and Gardiner in midfield were out of their depth, desperately trying to find out how those gaping holes were struck in their goalmouth.

The famed and feared Hakoah forwards were also flops. This match proved that neither Watkins nor Walsh are really very comfortable in attack and that the absence of Yardley and a fit Rutherford does make a difference.

West's: Eaton 4, Van Blerk 4, Guildea 4, Hargreaves 3, Johnston 4, Kinnell 5, Blue

WESTS v. HAKOAH 5-1

5, Byles 4, Bijkerk 5, Turner 4, Spiekerman 4, Walsh 3, Keddie 3, Baartz 3, McNamee 2.

Hakoah: Haffey 2, Davey 3 (Rutherford 69 min.), Marnoch 2, Hillsdon 3, Fekete 3, Gardiner 4, Mins., Keddie 50 min.

RYDE OFFERED LITTLE RESISTANCE TO SAINTS

St. George look like developing a new habit: they come to life in the second half of their matches and even there towards the end.

Whether by fluke or design, they appear to wear down their opponents before delivering the knockout blows.

Against a colorless and not very combative Ryde, this strategy worked to perfection.

The first half was a sleepy affair with the Saints moving casually in a low gear.

Still, even at this pace they had the chances: in the ninth minute Abonyi, in the 15th Denton and in the 16th Abonyi again could have opened Saints' account.



MIKE DENTON

Finally, in the 29th minute, the Saints broke through. It was Utjesenovic, this enterprising freeback who moved upfield, slipped the ball to Herron whose shot from 14 metres flashed into the corner.

Even the goal didn't liven up proceedings. St. George were clearly on top but their finishing remained weak: Abonyi in the 32nd, Denton in the 33rd and Abonyi again in the 40th minute missed good chances.

As it often happens — Ryde hit back, suddenly and unexpectedly. In the 3rd minute of the second half Edwards beat Williams on the wing, turned towards goal and sent an angled shot into the far corner. That, as it turned out, was Ryde's swansong. St. George became more aggressive, more straightforward.

FLOODGATES

Denton missed two glaring chances, but in the 61st minute the writing appeared on the wall.

Alston chased a through-ball, Crnic tried to clear, but flicked the ball in the path of the lanky St. George forward who slipped it into the corner past the advancing Cajsusic.

That signalled the opening of the floodgates. Four minutes later Alston, a replacement for Herron, made a run on the right wing, pushed the ball in and there was Ainslie with his devastating left foot to slam the ball in from some 15 metres.

Ten minutes later it was 4-1. This time it was Hamilton who weaved his way through on the byline with astonishing elegance, beating four defenders in the process before setting up the easiest of chances for Denton.

Just how good St. George were on the day is hard to determine. Ryde offered less than token opposition, as though resigned to the inevitable.

With Fedor Rudic standing in for his suspended brother at stopper, their defence was shaky throughout the match.

The forwards, closely marked, were unable to hold the ball for any length of time, and except for one or two sorties by Edwards and Alagich, hardly ever bothered the St. George defence.

The great second half improvement in St. George



This header by Saints' Robert Hogg went wide of the Ryde post in the second half of last Sunday's round-robin match. St. George virtually clinched a Grand Final berth by outclassing Ryde 4-1.

ST. GEORGE v. RYDE 4-1

came when the Scottish twins, Hogg and Hamilton smoothly slipped into top gear.

They grabbed control of the midfield and applied constant pressure on the Ryde goal.



SRETAN RAFANELI

As a direct result of this, Ainslie and Alston also got a new lease of life; all of a sudden, the St. George attack was back at its most enterprising and threatening.

Had they needed, they could have added three or four to their tally in the last 15 minutes.

The St. George defence stood solidly with Utjesenovic and Harris again marshalling their forces though Schaefer also played many cuts above his State Cup form of the previous Wednesday.

Williams was quite effective in his attacking role

when his team gained the upper hand.

Hamilton was possibly the best player on the field; his control, intelligence and distribution played a tremendous part in his team's victory.

Hogg, the more aggressive and more dynamic of the two, and also Ainslie, more on the delicate side except when it comes to shooting, helped Hamilton form a strong midfield trio.

The spearheads, despite the four goals, performed only modestly.

Abonyi was reserved, after his injury and, like Denton, missed countless chances; Herron started off well then faded while Alston, in improving form, is still a fair way from his best.

Ryde were one huge disappointment. The entire defence was constantly on the verge of collapse and it was due not to their performance, but the inept finishing of St. George that they escaped so cheaply.

Trkulja and Rafanelli had a hopeless task in midfield between a weak defence and a lethargic attack.

In the forward line only the occasional technical qualities of Brajkovic and Takac and the dash of Alagich could be noticed. Edwards and Waters appeared quite out of touch.

St. George: Reilly 4, Harris 4, Schaefer 4, Williams 3, Utjesenovic 4, Hamilton 5, Hogg 4, Ainslie 4, Herron 3 (Alston 51 min.), Abonyi 3, Denton 3.

Ryde: Cajsusic 3, Crnic 3 (Bakaric 74 min.), F. Rudic 2, Nacinovic 2, Trkulja 3, Rafanelli 3, J. Alagich 3, Edwards 3, Brajkovic 3, Takac 3, Waters 2.

Scorers: Herron 29 min., Alston 61 min., Ainslie 65 min., Denton 71 min.; Edwards 48 min.

Referee: R. Pearce.
— PAUL DEAN

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS START THIS WEEKEND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The two final games of the Second Division competition played last Sunday failed to resolve the relegation issue which North Sydney-Inter and Concordia will now have to settle in a play-off.

The first of the two-match series is tentatively set down for Lambert Park this Sunday.

Both teams finished on eight points at the bottom of the table with Inter having the better goal-average, but this does not count where relegation or promotion are concerned.

Both were trounced soundly last weekend.

Polonia v. NS-Inter 5-3

This was probably one of the hardest and most rugged games Inter have played, but Polonia were undoubtedly the better team.

Stan Wozniczko, eager to finish as the Division's top goalscorer, achieved his ambition with a superb hat-trick.

Polonia were first to score through a good goal by Polewski, but Inter equalised with a goal by Gastone Giacometti.

However, two goals by Wozniczko gave Polonia a comfortable 3-1 lead at halftime, but Inter were in no mood to give in, and two goals by Valdemar put them back into the game.

Then misfortune, which has bothered Inter for most of the season, struck and a doubtful penalty was given which Polewski converted.

Top scorer

Stan Wozniczko, the speedy and elusive Polonia outside-left, topped the Second Division's goal-scoring list when he scored a hat-trick against NS-Inter to score his 21st goal this season.

He beat Michael Cairns of Corinthians by only one goal.

The 26-year-old technician came to Australia last year with three other players to help Polonia regain First Division status.

In Poland, he was playing for Third Division side Mogkowiec, but earlier he had played First Division soccer for Zagłębie.

During the 1964 season, he represented the province of Silesia in inter-provincial competition.

With 10 minutes to go, Wozniczko slammed in his third goal for his hat-trick.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Mula, Tomaszewski, Zunis,

Starek, Komoder, Polewski (2), Minol, Szmidt, Wozniczko (3), Chodkiewicz.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Ledesma, Ardzewski, Mucillo, Giacometti (1), (Gray), Spresian, Polletto, Valdemar (2), Randy, Nimac.

Artarmon v. Concordia 7-0

Free from all tensions, and playing relaxed soccer, Artarmon finally found their shooting boots in their last game of the season when they whipped Concordia with the highest score of any game this season.

This was the stuff that their supporters had waited for all season.

Concordia, fighting to stay another season in Second Division, were not in the race, particularly in the second half when Ar-

tarmon netted five goals. Best goal of the match was probably when John Cole drew the goalkeeper before sending a perfect placement out of Fred Wupper's reach.

Artarmon: McKechnie, (1) (Brown), Quinn, Liddell, Amor, M. Nacinovich, Cole, McAlpine (1), MacGuinness (1), K. Nacinovich, Cholakian (2), Morgan, Williams (2).

Concordia: Wupper, Filter, Tarver, Auras, Gassner, Domsala, Brandtner, Fojtlin, Erasmus, Jaros, Sommer.

Last week's results: Polonia v. NS-Inter 5-3 1-2 4-1, Concordia v. Artarmon 0-7 2-3 1-5.

Prize winners

These are the winners of the giant RAFFLE conducted by the NSW Coaches Federation: first prize — a trip to New Zealand for two — P. Driscoll, 2/8 Harvard Street, Gladesville; second prize — two weeks at Herron Island — G. Broadbridge, 6 Ellaong Road, Doonside; third prize — an oil painting — F. Bell, care City Markets, Sydney.

AMATEUR RESULTS, PROGRAM

THIRD DIVISION

Championship: Lane Cove v. North Bankstown 3-1, 0-3.

Semifinals: Arncliffe Scots v. Banks City 3-2 (Grade II); Banks City v. Belmore 3-4 (Grade I); Wentley v. Northern Districts 0-1 (Grade II); Northern Districts v. Campbelltown 2-1 (Grade I).

INTER-SUBURBAN Semifinals

First Division: NSW Uni. v. Rosebery 1-3 (Grade II); Rosebery v. Riverside 5-1 (Grade I); Ravens v. Warringah 1-4 (Grade II); Warringah v. Ravens 1-4 (Grade I).

Second Division: West Ryde v. Bondi 3-2 (Grade II); West Ryde v. Queens Park 2-0 (Grade I); Sydney Uni. v. Queens Park 2-1 (Grade II); Chelsea v. Blacktown 5-4 (Grade I).

Third Division: Ku-ring-gai v. Greenwich 4-0 (Grade II); Greenwich v. Arncliffe RSL 2-3 (Grade I); Eastwood v. West St. George 2-3 (Grade II); West St. George v. Macquarie University 0-3 (Grade I).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday

Third Division: Arncliffe Scots v. Northern Districts (Grade II); Belmore v. Northern Districts (Grade I) at Soccer Centre.

First Division inter-suburban: Rosebery Rhodes v. Warringah Saints (Grade II); Gladesville Ravens v. Warringah Saints (Grade I replay) at Allum Park.

Second Division inter-suburban: West Ryde v. Sydney Uni. (Grade II); West Ryde v. Chelsea (Grade I) at Garside Park.

Third Division inter-suburban: Ku-ring-gai v. West St. George (Grade II); Arncliffe RSL v. Macquarie Uni. (Grade I) at Mackay Park.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

JUST can hoist the 1971 State League title flag following their draw last Sunday with Juventus and the fact that the previous day their only real rivals for the championship, South Melbourne-Hellas, dropped a vital point against the vastly improved Ringwood City.

With only one State League round to be played-off this weekend JUST, with a clear one-point lead over Hellas and a vastly superior goal average, seem certain to win the title.

JUST, who previously won in 1963 and 1969, fully deserve their success again. All season with only the odd exception, they have played a fine productive brand of soccer and the late challenge by Hellas did much to inspire the players in the closing rounds.

Dan Zoraja, their 23-year-old striker, is the nearest thing to a certainty to finish up as the State League's leading scorer for 1971.

Zoraja is also well in the running for the Bill Fleming Award for the "Best and Fairest Player" of the season. At the last count, after 15 rounds had been played, Zoraja led Croatia's Jim MacKay and Jim Pyrgolis of SM-Hellas by four votes which are given weekly by a team of Melbourne's soccer writers.

Dan Zoraja and his forward colleague Branko Buljevic have between them scored two-thirds of JUST's goal tally this season. This has been the usual pattern for this pair since they joined the club nearly four years ago.

Three of JUST's players are recruits from their local juniors. The trio is Jimmy Mitisavljic (goalie), Geoffrey Evans (defender) and Andrew Kazi (forward). Kazi came back this season after breaking a leg last year.

Captain of JUST is Frank Micie who has played more times for Victoria than any other current player. Micie, who has won the Argus Medal twice, also played on several occasions for Australia.

Billy Rice, that evergreen Irishman who has pivoted Victoria and Australia on so many occasions, has been with JUST and the side they amalgamated with many years ago — Footscray Capri — for 16 years.

Lions, who are destined for First Division soccer next season, have been in the State League since 1962. League-wise they hovered round the bottom for many years, but bared their teeth in 1968 and 1969 when they finished in fifth and sixth position respectively. In cup-tie business their best achievement was in 1964 when they unsuccessfully contested the Ampol Cup final against Polonia. Lions' downfall was mainly due to the fact that in early 1970 they were compelled for economic reasons to part with Jimmy Rooney, Steve Walker and Jimmy Smart. And the return to Scotland of stalwart Tommy Roseweir was another blow to the Essendon side. One player who is unlikely to go "downstairs" with Lions is Irish-born winger Eddie Butler. Butler, who sports a George Best hairdo, has several admirers among the State League sides and could move once the transfer season re-opens.

Elwood-Austria, who have won promotion from the First Division to the State League, no longer play in the Elwood district, but sport a new home in Avondale Heights in the northern part of the city. Under the circumstances, it might be a good proposition to change their name to Avondale Heights — an attractive name in itself. Triestina, who were in the State League in 1964 and 1965, have now tumbled down to the lowest grade — Fourth Division soccer.

Only appointed president of the VSF last year, Sir David Hill-Wood is quitting the post next month to return to England where he will take charge of his company's stockbroking office. So far no names have been advanced as to who might succeed him.

Since 1958 this is the selection I make as the best Victorian team over the years: Reilly, Duncan, McKay, Keith, Janczyk, Kinnell, Micie, Doherty, Jankowski, Palmer De Bruyckere, Stankovic.

In 1886 there were four soccer clubs in Melbourne affiliated to the Anglo-Australian Association. They were South Melbourne, Carlton, Prahran and Melbourne Rovers. Carlton won the George and George Challenge Cup the same year. Prahran, because of the extinction of the other three clubs, are the oldest club in Victorian soccer. (In Sydney it's Granville — Australia's oldest soccer club — Editor).

Next week's draw:

Saturday: Lions v. Ringwood City (Essendon), George Cross v. Fitzroy United (Footscray), Box Hill v. Hakoah (Box Hill).

Sunday: SM-Hellas v. Croatia (Middle Park), Juventus v. Melbourne (Olympic Park), Polonia v. JUST (Maribynong).

— JIM COOK

READERS' LETTERS

SCHOOLS NEED BALLS

The playing of sport is a happy experience for the majority of school boys, particularly if his sphere of endeavour turns to League.

These boys are more than catered for by the various Leagues Clubs around the districts who provide the schools with an ample supply of balls, jerseys and financial assistance.

Conversely however, the inequality that exists is mirrored in the enthusiasm displayed by 60 boys playing soccer with the one ball in the school playground.

Soon their interests begin to wane as they would rather participate in actual play and so turn to a ball game which allows them a touch of the ball.

This is where League, with its vast array of equipment, captures the attention of the children.

Surely there must be some First or Second Division

clubs who have an odd ball or two lying in the back of a locker or cupboard gathering dust.

Perhaps they could donate them to a school in their area and thus help to promote goodwill between the senior clubs and the children.

How rewarding it would be to hear the boys talk about "our soccer stars" with the same familiarity and love as others discuss their League stars.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to air my thoughts on the plight of the primary school boys.

Miss Brigitte Kovacic,
(Primary School teacher),
Blacktown.



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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

South Sydney are placing high hopes in their latest recruit, English fullback JOHN WIGNALL, who was highly recommended by their former striker, English amateur international Andy Windsor. Wignall, a fullback, came late in the season and played only once — in the second last round of the premiership.

Miss JANET COUTTS, "Miss St. George-Budapest Senior Soccer", was chosen last week as Australia's representative in this year's "Miss Asia" Quest. "Miss Western Suburbs Soccer Club" was also one of the finalists in the "Quest of Quests".

AUBURN qualified for the Third Grade Grand Final with a superb 4-2 win over St. George-Budapest last Sunday. D. Ramsay scored a well-taken hat-trick for the winners.

"Daily Mirror" colleague and Auburn coach, TOM ANDERSON, was involved in a car smash last week. Luckily, he escaped with minor facial injuries, but the front of the car was damaged.

Polonia Soccer Club will hold an end-of-season DANCE at the Doonside Community Hall Centre on Saturday, September 25. Tickets may be obtained from the president, Mr. Dropinski — phone 625-8549.

St. George-Budapest Soccer Club, which fully sponsors the district's representative UNDER-16 side coached by Joe Kane, will reward the lads for winning the State Championship at Bathurst last weekend with a dinner at Soccer House on Thursday. The players will also be presented with club cufflinks.

Israel's two matches in Sydney — against Australia and Hakoah — are likely to

The Victorian Federation has sought the approval of its NSW counterpart to stage an end-of-season TOURNAMENT between the first two clubs in Sydney and Melbourne. If mooted, the series will feature Sydney's Hakoah and St. George-Budapest and JUST and South Melbourne-Hellas from Victoria. Last November, the Victorian champions, Juventus, beat Ryde 5-2 in an incident-packed "prestige" match at Olympic Park.

he played at the SYDNEY SHOWGROUND.

DON SANDELL, who disappeared abruptly some months ago from the scene, will be persuaded by St. George to return next year. Sandell has been working on home projects seven days a week lately.



Prague, in desperate financial position, are believed to be willing to receive offers for their fine midfielder, JIM ROONEY.

DES PALMER, Slavia's three-goal hero in their replayed 1963 Australia Cup final, is now a sports instructor at Afan Lido, near Port Talbot in Wales. Another instructor at the same centre is Ivor Allchurch, formerly a big name in Welsh and British soccer. Palmer, who also played with Yugal and South Coast United, and Allchurch, were both Welsh internationals.

Once the official club season is over, St. George want their star forward ADRIAN ALSTON to undergo a thorough medical check-up. In recent months he has had numerous complaints.

BERNIE HANSON last Saturday against South Sydney played his last match in Australia. The ginger-haired Pan Hellenic defender leaves for Scotland, via Canada, this week.

ALICK JEFFREY, the former under-23 England international who had a spell in Sydney soccer with Prague and Auburn as a "heavy weight" player, recently moved from Lincoln City to non-league side Retford Town.

Wilhelmina - Melbourne may play a match in Sydney against Hakoah early in November as a warm-up game for the champions before they take on the Israeli national team on November 24. Wilhelmina could be a good drawcard as their player-coach is BOBBY COLLINS, the famous Scottish international.

MATT WOODS, the former Hakoah-Sydney stopper and now manager of Stockport County, recently got into "hot water" during a game and was reported to the English League for complaining about the game being held up.

GEORGE SCOTT, the former Juventus-Melbourne centre half who returned home to Scotland three years ago, has now hung up his boots and concentrates on his printing job with an Edinburgh newspaper. George wishes to be remembered to his old playing colleagues in Sydney and Melbourne.

St. George's midfield player WILLIE HAMILTON was joined by his wife last weekend from Scotland. She is a school teacher and expects to be back in work early 1972.

How, people have been wondering, can HAKOAH keep so many excellent "reserves" happy throughout the season? It's simple: their first squad players all receive the same bonus whether they play in the first team or among the reserves. St. George are likely to follow suit next term.

TONY MAGLIS, the Pan Hellenic goalkeeper, enters hospital on September 22 for a cartilage operation.



STAN ACKLEY is once again toying with the idea of finding a new club, having been with APIA since 1964.

GEORGE BARBOUTIS, the Pan Hellenic stopper, is the object of a dispute between the two Greek clubs PAOK Salonika, for which he has just signed, and Panathinaikos, this year's European Cup finalists. Panathinaikos have made an offer for Barboutis, but PAOK won't let him go now. If George can't move to Athens, chances are he will turn his back on Salonika and return to Australia.

DUNDAS United under-8 Division 6 team may not be Arsenal, but they have achieved something quite remarkable in the Granville District competition. As under-7s last year they went through the season without scoring a single goal and conceded 40. This year they scored 47 and didn't concede one, and also won the Grand Final against Baulkham Hills!



FRANK CUSH has returned from his three-month overseas trip. South Sydney are not too confident, however, that this fine striker will be able to resume his playing career as his knee is still suspect.

Maroubra United will stage a FIVE-A-SIDE knock-out tournament at Coral Sea Park, Maroubra, on the holiday Monday of October 4. Invitations have been issued to fellow inter-suburban clubs to participate.

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW COACHES Federation will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at 8 p.m. at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club.

STOP PRESS

The New Caledonian Football League appears certain to agree to Australia's request to pay the airfares of the competing teams in next month's Oceania Cup in Noumea. National coach Rale Rasie this week sent letters to prospective squad members enquiring about their availability to take three and a half weeks off from work. Seventeen players, coach Rasie and a physiotherapist will travel to New Caledonia.

NSW State Cup quarter-finals

● HAKOAH 4 (D. Walsh, D. Keddie, J. Watkiss, R. Fekete) d. ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST 2 (W. Hamilton, M. Denton). Crowd: 12,571.

● RYDE 2 (C. Crnic, W. Edwards) d. BELL-AMBI (N. Wilkinson). Crowd: 4,500.

● PRAGUE 2 (R. Ridley, S. Perry) d. APIA 0. Crowd: 2,050 (double-header).

● SOUTH SYDNEY 3 (A. McLean 2, D. Taylor) d. PAN HELLENIC 2 (J. Demos, G. Manuel). Crowd: 2,050 (double-header).

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
STATE CUP SEMIFINALS

Prague v. South Sydney — Sportsground, 6.45 p.m.
Ryde v. Hakoah — Sportsground, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

FIRST DIVISION ROUND-ROBIN

Western Suburbs v. Ryde — Sports Ground, 1.15 p.m.
Hakoah v. St. George — Sports Ground, 3 p.m.
Curtain raiser at 11.30 a.m.: Third Grade semifinal between Prague and South Sydney.

SECOND DIVISION RELEGATION PLAY-OFF

NS-Inter v. Concordia — Lambert Park

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FIRST DIVISION GRAND FINALS

Third Grade: 11.30 a.m.

Second Grade: 1.15 p.m.

First Grade: 3.00 p.m.

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SECOND DIVISION RELEGATION PLAY-OFF

Concordia v. NS-Inter — ground to be arranged.

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"SUN" HALVES EXPULSIONS

David Jack in last Friday's "Sun" said that the 24 clubs in Sydney's two Divisions and total of six grades had 78 players sent off during the season.

These figures were released by the NSW Federation — and must be correct.

Then Jack goes on:

"If my arithmetic is correct, the 78 players sent off played a total of 142,560 minutes of soccer. So a man was sent off, on average, every 1853 minutes... not a bad behaviour performance for one man to get his marching orders after every 30 hours of actual play..."

Maybe it wouldn't be — if his arithmetic were correct. But it isn't.

In the six grades of the two divisions there were a total of 792 matches played for a total of 71,280 minutes — exactly half of what Jack claims.

This also means that a player was sent off every 913 minutes, that is after 15 hours and 13 minutes play or, to put it in another way, one player expulsion in about every 10 matches. Whether this is good or bad performance rating, is debatable. But our colleague's arithmetic needs brushing up during the close season.

— P. D.

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NOW THE BRIDESMAID IS AT LAST THE BRIDE...

— By PAUL DEAN —

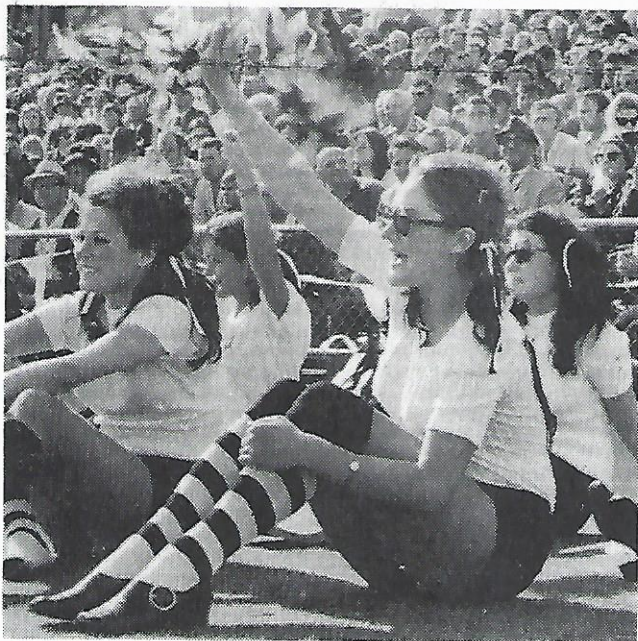
Success comes to those who tempt it often enough — and heaven knows, the Saints have tempted it with stubborn perseverance.

Last Sunday, in one of the most closely fought and tense Grand Finals for years, St. George-Budapest, have triumphed, ending three seasons of drought.

Their 3-2 victory over the gallant Western Suburbs was deserved, if not entirely without elements of luck.

The Saints did come marching in — and the best of luck to them.

For years they have been among our most enterprising and progressive clubs in Australia and there is little risk that this heady success will spoil them.



Western Suburbs might have lost last Sunday's Sydney Grand Final but their cheer squad certainly vastly improved the normally staid appearance of the Sportsground



This was the happy scene after St. George-Budapest's Grand Final win last Sunday at the Sydney Sportsground. Captain Manfred Schaefer raises the Bisleri Cup for ecstatic team-mates Attila Abonyi, Willie Hamilton, Adrian Alston, Jim Herron, George Campbell and Mike Denton to see — and from the expression on their faces they liked what they saw — Photo by Antonin Cermak.

STATE CUP MAY CONSOLE HAKOAH

The curtain comes down on the Sydney club scene on Sunday when Hakoah and South Sydney fight it out in the final of the NSW State Cup at the Sydney Sportsground.

Revived this year after a 27-year lapse, the State Cup has failed to catch the imagination of the soccer public.

Although it could have been promoted better, the fault lies largely with the apathetical Sydney First Division club.

Hakoah and South Sydney have a duty to reconcile the public with the State Cup.

A bright display on Sunday would ensure that the competition gets another chance to get off the ground next year.

There is no reason why a State-wide competition cannot take on and prosper in NSW — as it does almost everywhere where soccer is played.

Until 1944, when Merewether, of Newcastle, won the last State Cup staged in NSW, the series was one of the code's major attractions.

Besides the not negligible prizemoney, Hakoah and

South Sydney have plenty to play for on Sunday.

Still smarting from their elimination from the Grand Final, Hakoah will be out to prove that their recent round-robin form was all wrong.

Souths only have the trophy to fall back on to salvage a disappointing season, which a couple of months ago had promised so much.

They will take the field without any complexes, having come so close to topping Hakoah in their last championship encounter.

Souths have nothing to lose in the final and if playmaker John Doyle has retained his championship form Hakoah will have a fight on their hands.

Dennis Wright and Maurice Sullivan have an added incentive to do well as a good display here may clinch their selections in the Australian squad against Israel.

Hakoah are entitled to start warm favorites, but the opening minutes will be all-important.

If the champions get on top quickly and settle down to their fluent best, they should win with something to spare.

But if they fail to produce that little extra know-how which enabled them to win the league title comfortably their edge on Souths will vanish and the match will take a new dimension.

Our tip: Hakoah.

Likely line-ups:

Hakoah: 1 Haffey, 2 Davey, 3 Hillsdon, 4 Fekete, 5 Marnech, 6 Gardiner, 7 Muniz, 8 Keddie, 9 Watkiss, 10 Baartz, 11 Rutherford.

South Sydney: 1 Corry, 2 Wignall, 3 Susa, 4 Shepherd, 5 Archibald, 6 Doyle, 7 Taylor, 8 Wright, 9 Harris, 10 Sullivan, 11 McLean.

— LOU GAUTIER

LE FEVRE FLIES TO ASIA, EUROPE

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre is expected to go overseas soon with a multitude of missions.

During his trip, lasting about two weeks, Le Fevre will —

- Visit FIFA headquarters in Zurich and the Asian Confederation office in Penang (Malaysia) to hold preliminary talks on our 1972-1973 World Cup commitments.

- Complete arrangements for a 1972 tour by Manchester United, negotiating with Sir Matt Busby.

- Go to Glasgow to see if Celtic can see their way clear to pay us a short visit in 1972.

- Spend a day at Wolverhampton who have offered to come next year if Celtic drop out.

Last week the ASF instructed Le Fevre to prepare for the trip as soon as possible.

A LOT OF HEART BUT LITTLE BEAUTY IN FINAL

— By PAUL DEAN —

Judged by stiff yardsticks, last Sunday's wasn't a great Sydney Grand Final.

Neither winner nor vanquished played its best and there were far too many simple mistakes to prevent this match from becoming a classic.

However, if sheer beauty was largely amiss, tremendous tension and excitement were present as a compensation.

In fact, as the match progressed, so did the excitement grow; towards the end it reached almost a crescendo, with the outcome precariously in the balance until the last heave and sigh and kick.

West's found their stride first and dictated terms for the first 10 minutes. But the tempo was slack and their efforts tame; they couldn't create anything worthwhile in attack.

Still, in the 9th minute they were almost in: Blue's freekick skated along the grass, smashing against the post with a desperate Reilly diving a fraction too late.

Gradually the West attacks subsided and St. George began to show their claws.

In the 12th minute Alston's volley zeroed in on Eaton and one minute later Denton fumbled a good pass from Alston in a promising situation.

Ainslie's freekick went just wide in the 20th minute — but this seemed to be merely a warning signal.

Two minutes later Ainslie took an inswinger corner from the right, the ball was curving in and the goalie helped it in under the roof for the first goal.

Four minutes later it was almost 2-0. A long pass found Denton who shook off a tackle but his left-foot shot, in full flight, missed the right corner.

A good quarter-hour passed mainly in harmless midfield duels, and it looked as though the Saints could sip their half-time tea in relative tranquility.

FEROCIOUS

But Wests thought otherwise. With the watch showing 40 seconds into injury time, Spiekerman took a corner. Schaefer headed the ball clear but there was Johnston ferociously slamming home a shot that rebounded from the left post.

It was still anybody's game. And in that mood the second half started. Barely two minutes later the crowd could see a world class goal.

Eaton was penalised for taking more than four steps and Hamilton took the indirect free-kick, pushing it

on Ainslie's lethal left foot.

And this former Berwick Rangers wizard calmly sent a shot that looked for all the world to miss the far corner by two or three feet, before suddenly curving in, dipping — and popping into a thunderstruck Eaton's net.

This, surely, would have been enough to destroy most opposition. But not the tenacious Wests.

Two minutes later Spiekerman's pass was volleyed by Bijkerk in front of young Jack, and he blasted the ball just over the bar from six metres.

In the 52nd minute the issue again became wide open. Van Blerk floated a harmless looking freekick just inside the St. George box — and there was Kinnell, jumping with impeccable timing, to send a long-range header into the far corner.



ALAN AINSLIE

Reilly dived far too late — but he might well ask what his fullbacks were doing in letting Kinnell pick his spot.

Now the battle was on. Both teams threw every reserve into attack — both knew that the next goal was to be the winner.

In the 55th minute a scramble in front of the St. George goal was cleared only with the greatest difficulties.

At the other end, three minutes later, Ainslie's drive made Eaton stretch.

Again the game swung around — in the 68th minute, following a corner, shots rained at the St. George goal from a few metres away, only to be blocked by a heroic defence.

In the 71st minute the winning goal came swiftly and suddenly — though not painlessly for Wests.

A quick St. George counter-attack was initiated

by Ainslie; went to Denton who played it back to Ainslie from where it reached a flying Abonyi.

This clever striker took a few steps and from some 14 metres sent a sharp, low, mean shot to the far corner of the West goal, beating Eaton all the way.

This was it, one would have thought; surely Wests will give up the chase. But that was farthest from their mind.

COSTLY MISS

Five minutes later it was almost 3-3. Bijkerk took down a pass some 16 metres from the goal, beat off the tackle of Schaefer and then, facing only Reilly, shot wide from six metres.

In the 79th minute Ainslie's corner was headed over the bar by Hogg and two minutes later Alston's cross whizzed past the goalmouth, missing an easy rendezvous with a willing head.

Five minutes from the end Williams, a substitute, failed to get an easy ball, Byles sped off and, in a promising position — blasted the ball into the side-net.

The last few minutes produced no worthwhile attempts at goal.

Both teams fought tooth and nail; every ball had to be won and kept; possession was now the thing.

Time worked for the Saints and eventually they weathered the last desperate storms.

As the final whistle went, they were pressing again, looking perhaps for a fourth goal — but uttering happy with the shrill sound of Boskovic's whistle.

As I remarked early in the piece — the match itself produced little to enthuse about.

The difference between the two teams was very minute; luck could have played a major part in the outcome.

Had Bijkerk scored at 2-3, nobody knows what the result would have been.

St. George: Reilly 3, Harris 4, Utjesenovic 4, Schaefer 4, Hogg 4, Abonyi 4, Alston 3, Hamilton 3, Denton 3, Herron 3 (Williams 70 min.), Ainslie 4.

West: Eaton 3, Van Blerk 3, Guildea 4, Smith 4, Johnston 4, Kinnell 4, Blue 4, Byles 3, Bijkerk 3, Spiekerman 3 (Turner 65 min.), Jack 3.

Scorers: Ainslie 22, 48 mins., Abonyi 71 min.; Johnston 45, Kinnell 62 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 12,600.



An anxious moment in the St. George-Budapest goalmouth last Sunday as Jan Bijkerk's header has goalie Jack Reilly in difficulty. Anxiously awaiting the outcome are Bob Hogg, George Harris (No 2) and Manfred Schaefer, of St. George, and Wests' David Jack and Greg Byles (obscured).

AINSLIE, G. SMITH PICK OF PLAYERS

There were few really outstanding individual performers in last Sunday's tight, hard-fought Sydney Grand Final.

By the same token, failures were also rare in a match which produced typical Grand Final tension in a dramatic second half.

In St. George we particularly liked two-goal Alan Ainslie, captain Manfred Schaefer and George Harris, while Greg Smith, a late replacement for Johnny Hargreaves, Cliff van Blerk and George Kinnell were best for West.

Our impressions of the grand finalists:

ST. GEORGE

JACK REILLY didn't have a happy match and was again often in difficulty on high balls. He must also shoulder a large part of the blame for Kinnell's second half equaliser which he should have tipped over the bar.

GEORGE HARRIS was one of his team's star performers. Sydney's most exciting "discovery" of 1971 easily subdued his direct opponent and broke up many attacks with immaculate tackling. Like a true modern fullback, he also lent his forwards a helping hand with dashing overlaps.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC took about 20 minutes to settle down, but once he recovered from a mild attack of Grand Final "nerves", he was his usual elegant, classy self. His superb positioning broke up several attacks and his interceptions prevented potentially dangerous Western Suburbs moves from developing further.

MANFRED SCHAEFER confirmed his improved form with a forceful display. Saints' skipper tackled manfully and played an important part in bottling up Wests' strikers and it was good to see him almost back at his best in Saints' finest hour since 1967.

ROBERT HOGG, though not so dominant as in recent matches, was his dynamic and aggressive self and had little trouble in handling his direct opponent. One can't help thinking, however, that he would have been more useful in his customary midfield role.

WILLIE HAMILTON worked industriously, but lacked the creative spark which would have secured total midfield mastery for Saints. His control and distribution, however, were handy assets — and at 2-2 he saved a header from Brian Turner off the line.

ALAN AINSLIE was the man of the match. His lethal left foot all but won the Grand Final for St. George-Budapest. His second goal — a masterpiece — was the highlight of the match. Now playing again with confidence and zest, Ainslie was a vital cog in the St. George machine.

ATTILA ABONYI showed glimpses of his technical savoir-faire and at times displayed untidy vigor. Although his condition faded somewhat in the closing stages, he had the immense satisfaction of scoring a brilliant winning goal.

JIM HERRON couldn't repeat his form of the round-robin and found it practically impossible to escape Kinnell's clutches. Rarely in a scoring position, he also appeared slower than usual and it was no surprise to see him replaced in the 70th minute by HARRY WILLIAMS, who defended well when Saints were playing the match out to preserve their narrow winning lead.

ADRIAN ALSTON, in an unaccustomed "fetch and carry" role worked himself to a standstill and set up a steady flow of passes.

MIKE DENTON was out of form. The ball didn't roll kindly for him and try as he may he was seldom threatening.

CLIFF VAN BLERK was one player who wasn't overawed by the occasion. This was especially evident after halftime when he rallied his team-mates.

GREG SMITH was much more than just a mere substitute for Johnny Hargreaves. Actually, he was Wests'

best player, giving a tenacious display and coming away with the ball in many fights for possession.

DAVE JOHNSTON asserted himself in the midfield and after a shaky start was rewarded with a snap equaliser just on halftime.

GEORGE KINNELL, who has played with greater authority, was still one of the best players on the field. His goal alone was worth the trip to the Sports Ground. His experience and positional sense got him out of many tight situations.

ARCHIE BLUE never quite slipped into top gear in the second half, and there lies, I think, the reason for Wests' failure to grab control of the midfield in the vital last 20 minutes. Wests' playmaker instigated many attacks in the first half, but faded at the finish.

DAVID JACK seemed overawed by the occasion and was generally meek and unenterprising, which is only to be expected, perhaps, from a 17-year-old, however talented, in his first final.

MATI GUILDEA was another Wests man who didn't quite reproduce earlier round-robin form despite tireless, selfless defensive tasks.

JAN BIJERK missed the "sitter" of the match when he shot wide with only Reilly to beat in the 76th minute, and with that costly miss went Wests' dreams of Grand Final glory. It would, however, be unfair to single him out for criticism because he was held in a vice-like grip throughout the match.

GREG BYLES tried gallantly to find openings in the St. George defence, and was Wests' best forward although playing out of position.

WIM SPIEKERMAN was marked out of the game by George Harris and suffered the ultimate indignity when he was pulled off in the 64th minute to make room for the unfit and injured BRIAN TURNER who took the field with a fractured shoulder!

Referee TONY BOSKOVIC was firmly in control and left no doubt that he still remains our number one referee though he was perhaps a little too theatrical.

— LOU GAUTIER

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Trip to Noumea off AT LAST, THE ORIGINAL OCEANIA COMEDY SHOW

— By PAUL DEAN —

Current events and gloomy prospects clearly show that the ASF hasn't been able to find a solution to its old problem: how to promote soccer without really trying?

Tens of thousands of words have been written on the subject, hundreds of man hours have been spent in discussions formal and informal, but the problems today are as far from solution as they were some seven years ago.

The latest muddle broke this week with the announcement that Australia would withdraw from the Oceania Cup because the hosts, New Caledonia, wouldn't guarantee the airfares.

On the face of it, the ASF's indignation may be genuine; the fares, after all, were all but promised when negotiations started.

But, once again, the ASF's appropriate sub-committee acted without carefully examining the pros and cons of their decision. Let's do it for them.

Uppermost in ASF minds is, of course, the matter of money: an extra \$2,000 or so would have to be spent on the fares if the Caledonians can't or won't pay it.

PRINCIPLE?

Is that sum worth arguing about? Every ASF sub-committee meeting, held in Sydney costs at least \$1,000; we have had several so far this year.

So it can't be the cash; it must then be the principle.

But what a dubious principle that is. The Sydney season ends on October 3 with the State Cup final — and then comes a hiatus until November . . . when Israel appears at the Sports-ground.

During those six idle weeks even the most passionate fans will forget all about soccer; there won't be more than a few lines in the newspapers.

When the Israeli match is staged, the ASF will hope that, pronto, all the fans will suddenly re-appear, as though nothing happened.

The New Caledonian tournament could have kept soccer in front of the public for weeks.

EXPOSURE

Both AAP and UPI were ready to send their reporter to Noumea with the team and soccer once again would have got tremendous exposure and the inches we are always after.

That alone would have been well worth the \$2,000 investment on the air fares; a full page in an average tabloid newspaper, if you have to pay for it, costs almost that much.

That much for the business side of the deal. But there is much more to it, really.

For years this newspaper has been saying — no, hollering — that the

Oceania Confederation is a myth, a moribund dream by some officials keen to grab for themselves yet another title, glory or free trip.

The Confederation was created at the 1966 FIFA Congress in London — largely at Australia's insistence.

BIG LIE

We managed to convince FIFA that there was need for it, that soccer would develop much faster in the region if there was a controlling organisation for the countries involved.

That turned out to be the biggest lie anybody has told FIFA in years.

Now, for the first time, the ASF had a slim chance of proving us wrong.

After a complete inactivity of five years, we were to meet the other Oceania countries in a cup tournament. The corpse was coming to life.

So what happens? Australia is the first to pull out of the Oceania Cup, because of some lousy airfares, easily surpassing three times the amount the various ASF officials spend a year on totally useless interstate trafficking.

The ASF feels no moral obligation to support the very first tournament of the organisation it was instrumental in creating.

Several ASF executive members have had numerous overseas trips on "Oceania Confederation" business; to New Zealand, Noumea, even Tahiti.

No doubt, they would be prepared to bring the supreme sacrifice of revisiting these places again for utterly useless palavers.

But when it comes to football — actual matches — they are not interested.

The final irony of this circus is that with or without Australia, the Cup will still be held.

New Zealand have announced that they will meet their obligations and so did tiny Fiji, perennially broke.

So three countries will play for the cup — appropriately called the Sir Walkley Cup.

But Australia won't be there because our officials are unable to grasp either the financial or moral benefits that would ensue. Now national team coach Rale Rasic has the unenviable task of building a team for the Israeli matches — from scratch.

BITTER LESSON

Some of the players he will need stopped playing two or three weeks ago, the others will grind to a halt this week.

In November — after a spell of anything up to 10 weeks — Rasic will have to select and field a team that is capable of beating Israel.

Memories of 1969 keep coming back, when Australia faced Israel in Sydney with two indifferent training sessions under its belt — and failed.

It was too much to hope that we would learn from that bitter lesson; we haven't. And we won't.

The ASF is still as ineffective as it ever was, hardly concerned with the present or the future of the national team.

NOUMEA BLAST

Guy Fouques, president of the New Caledonian Football League, yesterday blasted the ASF for its attitude.

Speaking from Noumea, Fouques pointed out — correctly — that Australia was represented at every Oceania Confederation meeting which had discussed the Oceania Cup, and that our representative

— Vic Tutting — had agreed to every proposal put forward by the organisers.

Fouques said that New Zealand and Fiji were now also threatening to pull out unless their airfares were paid.

"Under the circumstances, and because Australia is not honoring its obligations, we will have no alternative, but to cancel the Oceania Cup," he said.

"Because of Australia's irresponsible mischief-making, all the tremendous organising which has gone into making the first Oceania Cup possible, will have been wasted," a sadly disillusioned Fouques added.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Due to the fact that the draw for the Dockerty Cup semifinals was not made until Monday evening — too late for publication in these columns — "Soccer World" readers in Melbourne should scan through the local daily newspapers to see the pairings. One thing is certain, however. One semifinal will be played at Middle Park this Saturday with an Armstrong Cup tie as curtain-raiser, while the other semi will be staged at Olympic Park on Sunday, also preceded by an Armstrong Cup semifinal.

DOCKERTY CUP FACTS

● Slavia, now in the Metropolitan Leagues as a State League side won the Dockerty Cup in 1964, 1965 and 1967.

● The first Dockerty Cup competition in 1909 was won by Carlton United.

● Wonthaggi Magpies (long since defunct) were the only country side ever to win the Dockerty Cup. They achieved success in 1931 and at least two players of that side still survive.

● In last year's Dockerty Cup final Juventus beat South Melbourne-Hellas 2-0 with goals scored by Thomson and Irvine.

● No metropolitan or country side has won the Dockerty Cup since the State League was formed in 1958.

The Rothman's "Player of the Year" Award for Victoria will be announced this Friday evening at a Presentation Dinner in the Rothman's Auditorium in South Melbourne.

South Melbourne-Hellas, starved of league title honors since their triple wins of 1964-65 and '66, but who came so close this year to pipping JUST, held a farewell night for coach Lou Brocic who recently left to take up a two-year appointment as national boss of Kuwait.

Paddy Sloan, who recently returned to Juventus as coach, was the first big British name export from Britain to Italian soccer. Paddy, who played with Manchester United, Arsenal and Sheffield United, was with Milan and Udinese in Italy. He was also a former Irish international.

Alistair Scott, the Melbourne and Victorian defender, is the longest-serving senior player with his side although co-defender Bill McGowan has been a year longer with the club. Bill blotted his copy-book in this respect when he went back to Scotland for a spell three years ago. But this pair has yet to catch up with Ian Shanks, their colleague, at least in some respects. Shanks, who joined the club as a schoolboy from Scotland, has been about 12 years with Melbourne, and, except for a broken spell when he, too, returned to Scotland, has been a first team regular since 1966.

Bogged down by injury for most of the season, talented Box Hill winger David Cameron, who made a comeback late in the season, could cause quite a stir next year if he throws off the injury bogey.

Charles Kelly, the Melbourne-HSC defender who gained a semi-permanent place in the side late in the season, has been with the club almost two years. Prior to coming to Australia, he played with St. Andrews United in Scotland.

One of the very few ex-Sydney players in State League soccer has been Frank McColgan of Melbourne-HSC, who previously had a spell with St. George-Budapest. But long before McColgan, who has played in America and Canada was with St. George, he sported the colors of Slavia while they were a force in top Melbourne soccer.

The \$9,200-plus costs which the VSF have to fork out to the widow of former referee Ken Bailey who collapsed and died during a Federation match in 1967 will not enhance the Federation's balance sheet at their forthcoming Annual General Meeting. In view of the poor season financially, few if any will expect anything other than a big deficit on the season's workings.

— JIM COOK

ROSEBERY RHODES TAKE OUT COVETED DOUBLE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Rosebery Rhodes completed the Inter-Suburban First Division double at the Soccer Centre last Saturday taking

Rosebery had already won the premiership with an eight-point margin over Warringah.

They will now seek a position in the successful Federation Third Division competition.

Forward Con Gregoras stood out in Rosebery's attack, scoring their first three goals against a luckless but determined Warringah.

The other star for the club was coach Bill Vrolyks, who carefully moulded the team's tactics over the season.

Aided by a fine bunch of ball-playing footballers, Vrolyks always had his charges playing it cool and Rosebery have been the most successful Greek-sponsored team of 1971.

Vrolyks has been approached to take over the team for 1972, but he is unlikely to make an early decision.

It took Rosebery a little time to settle down last Saturday, but Con Gregoras scored their first goal after 12 minutes play.

Warringah hit a purple patch for 20 minutes, but with a defensive lapse Rosebery were two ahead and on the way to victory by half-time.

About the 50th minute, Gregoras scored direct from the corner.

Using his right foot, he swung the ball across from the left side.

The ball bounced and went inside the far post, with Warringah keeper John Grayson and his co-defenders flat-footed.

By this stage Rosebery were able to push the ball around in the knowledge that their ultimate win was secure.

Jos Athanasou scored the goal of the match from 18 metres out, after Nick Tsingolias had cleverly dummed by allowing the ball to run through his legs.

Warringah gave a very sporting performance, and there was scarcely a free-kick in the whole match.

Sweeper Brian Patino and left half Billy Littlejohn were the pick of Warringah's defence.

Garry Ambrosio, as a deep-living inside forward, and outside left Tommy Edwards were the livewires of the attack.

The successful Rosebery team for the season was John Holman, George Tsingolias, Mick Savoulis, Chris Kapsenos, George Kehegiar, Jimmy Kontos, Jimmy Kostas, John Mouhtazis, Nick Tsingolias, Con Gregoras, Jos Athanasou and Spiro Tsoukaris.

Jimay Kostas and reserve goalkeeper Paris Lamb, to-

Bankstown merger soon

The Bankstown district will be best served if moves now under way succeed in a merger of interests between the established Second Division Bankstown United and the newly promoted Banks City.

At the "command" of the NSW Soccer Federation the managements of both clubs met twice last week and the results so far are most encouraging.

Under terms of agreement both clubs will lose their identity and the new club, to be known as the Bankstown District Soccer Club, will have the full financial backing of Soccer Centre Ltd.

The merger would heal a two-year-old rift which has split the Bankstown support down the middle and ruined any chance the district had of returning to First Division.

If everything goes smoothly, it is anticipated that the merger will be fully completed within a fortnight.

— Charles Spiterij



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FIRST DIVISION CLUBS REVISITED MID-SEASON TROUBLES DEMOLISHED MARCONI

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Marconi unwound another devastating finish, but, just as in 1970, couldn't quite make fourth place.

This year, however, there was ample reason why they should fail to force their way into the play-offs.

There can be no doubt at all that Les Scheinflug's abrupt departure after only three championship rounds cost them the fourth place they could have earned.

Marconi, at least in my book, were clearly the fourth best team in Sydney soccer this year, after Hakoah, St. George and Western Suburbs, but the convulsions that followed Scheinflug's demise tore the team apart.

It is highly significant that Marconi went for 11 weeks without winning, after the NSW coach left them.

To make things even grimmer, their best player, Ray Richards, sat it out for three weeks, staging a sympathy strike of sorts for his deposed coach.

Luckily for club and player, their differences were soon resolved and Richards went on to become more prominent than ever.

As disaster usually courts disaster, Marconi suffered a crushing blow when they lost their international full-back Johnny Roche for the entire season during the Ampol Cup.

Sydney fans were thus never to see in 1971 the successful fullback combination of Roche and Colin Curran, the backbone of several Australian successes on last year's overseas tour.

Curran did not disappoint the club and proved a valuable asset although still injury-prone.

FORMIDABLE DEFENCE

Provided all is well again with Roche, 1972 will see Marconi field a formidable defence with Roche, Curran, Moschen and Richards.

Marconi leaned heavily on A.P.A. for new blood and secured Rorke and Ernie Campbell from them.

Rorke, Sydney's most consistent goalkeeper in the weekly points awarded by this newspaper throughout the championship, gained a new lease of life and isn't far from becoming international material again.

Campbell took several weeks to settle in his new surroundings, but in the latter stages of the season showed enough to induce national coach Rale Rasie to select him in the Australian squad for the Israeli matches.

Richards, Moschen, Curran, Rorke — this is the order in which we rank the Marconi players this year.

Richards, as stated above, was the driving force behind the team, and would have come close to winning the Adidas Player of the Year award if he hadn't been sent off against Ryde. The tremendous confidence he gained from last year's overseas tour was reflected in his play throughout the season.

Alfredo Moschen is the best Italian player seen in Australia since Giacometti's prime, a Giacometti, let us mention in passing, who

was still useful to Marconi this season.

Moschen's impeccable displays at stopper played a big part in the team's dramatic revival which netted six straight victories and a draw with Auburn before St. George won the last match of the season 2-0.

Young defenders Robertson and Barry Jones also showed promise, while Johnny Cudek, that elegant ball-player, scored several valuable goals early in the season, and must be credited with a good season together with Burns, the winger from Newcastle.

Barry Taylor made his mark too, when he resumed after a three-month lay-off, but there were also some disappointments at Marconi.

Rino Bon was the biggest flop of all, and only justified his glowing reputation in the Ampol Cup, which was Marconi's greatest achievement to date.

Santoro and Danajevits had a wretched season, while Griffiths never fulfilled expectations.

Marconi need only a couple of effective strikers to pose a threat to the very best.

Given the means by their social club and by their enigmatic sponsors, Pioneer Concrete, whose contributions to date have belied the second part of their name, there is no reason why they can't throw out a stiff challenge for top honors in 1972.

Narrow miss by S. Coast

Before the 1971 championship kick-off South Coast United supporters would have gladly settled for fifth place, yet there was bitter disappointment when fourth place was missed by one point only.

The fourth place was United's for the asking.

With two rounds remaining they had a clear break on Ryde, but a shock 0-2 defeat in the second last round by South Sydney put paid to the provincials, who also squandered valuable points when they lost at home to Pan Hellenic the previous week.

Poor Ampol Cup form cast gloom over South Coast's premiership prospects, but Jim Harris' return as coach again lifted both performances and morale.

The team, however, got off to a bad start in the league, losing at home to Auburn, then to St. George in Sydney before two encouraging results indicated their potential: a 3-3 draw with Wests and a 2-2 with Hakoah.

Hakoah is one team which agreed with United, as they also held them to a draw in the return match, at Woonona. For nine weeks the side remained unbeaten and emerged as distinct top four material, which they remained right up to the end, despite a 1-6 home hammering by St. George.

SET STYLE

The main reason for South Coast's prominent league ranking was their stability.

They only used 17 players in the 22 matches, and they were one of the rare teams which stuck to the same combination.

They also strictly adhered to a set style and pattern of play, and here Jim Harris must get the credit.

United's "British" style may not be the prettiest to watch, but it has proved efficient and successful over the years and remains adequate enough to maintain contact with the pacemakers of Sydney soccer.

season we saw the Wilson of old.

Against Dynamo Moscow and the English FA, "Willie" couldn't be faulted, and his supreme concentration will come later this year when he leads Australia for the first time in full "A" internationals.

Max Tolson, the club's other international, was the pick of a forward-line, which proved the side's weakest department.

FORCEFUL STRIKER

Tolson is certain to gain full caps for the first time later this year against Israel — a just reward for a forceful striker who had his best season since switching from the midfield.

Ivan Gruicic showed intelligence and finesse, but was surprisingly dropped around the halfway mark of the championship in what was perhaps the only blot on coach Harris' record.

Despite persistent rumors of grave financial difficulties, which are probably unfounded, there is no chance in the world that South Coast United will ever fold up.

What is needed, however, is greater assistance from their sponsors, the Woonona-Bulli Sports Club.

If talks now supposedly in progress fail, South Coast United could do worse than to pack up and head for the booming untapped soccer area around Port Kembla where a First Division team would receive the support it deserves.

Lithgow soccer booming

Soccer is making a strong bid to take over as Lithgow's most popular winter sport.

At a time when Rugby League is at its lowest ebb, soccer is making spectacular progress and bigger things are expected in 1972.

Soccer is continuing to attract big crowds on both Saturday and Sunday.

The sport is enjoying such a boom that plans are being made to establish another oval and to light the grounds for night training.

It is expected that 53 teams will be playing soccer in Lithgow next year.

There will be four under-16 teams, four each in the under-18 and Second Division grades, six First Division sides and a total of eight women's teams.

Women's soccer was introduced recently and became an instant success, with four evenly balanced teams.

In addition, the Saturday morning schoolboy soccer competitions cater for 26 teams in age groups and, for the first time, an under-6 series will be introduced next year.

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Forward talent available in Second Division

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Good forwards, or to use the relatively new but frequently used term "strikers", are a rare commodity in any grade of soccer and Sydney Second Division is no exception.

Forwards come in two categories — one is the ball artist who manoeuvres and sets up goal-scoring moves, and the other is the opportunist who chases every ball until the leather is in the net.

Polonia's elusive and speedy Stan Wozniczko, who topped the Second Division scoring list with 21 goals, is in the first category.

After 12 months in Australia, this experienced Pole emerged as a superb ball-playing artist who not only scores goals but sets them up intelligently.

Wozniczko could fit in any First Division side but his contract with Polonia still has one year to run.

In Michael Cairns and Crawford Potter Corinthians possessed two of the best forwards in the Division and between them they almost scored half of the side's 67 goals — the best effort of any team in Second Division.

The tall and well built Potter scored 11 goals in half a season by using his weight very effectively before he returned to England midway through the competition.

Cairns' ability to anticipate the slightest scoring chance was well rewarded with 20 goals to his credit, mostly scored from the outside right position.

SEASON'S FIND

Nevertheless, the best "find" of the season may well be the talented young Guildford inside-forward Graham Hann, who scored almost half his team's tally in their first year in Second Division.

Hann carried the Guildford attack single-handed and his speed and deadly accurate shooting make him an exciting prospect for the future.

Young Clive Lee of Granville — a Western Suburbs "reject" — also showed tremendous talent and his 15 goals this season even overshadowed the efforts of his veteran teammate Les Schauman.

Lee missed quite a few games through injuries during the season, but showed very good potential both as a ball player and striker.

Sutherland, who parted earlier with Alan Griffith, had the injury-prone Joe Cacciola and Greg Woods in the forefront of promising talent.

Woods, the club's top scorer last season, scored eight goals in the few games he played this year and Cacciola scored 12, including one hat-trick.

Both youngsters are regarded as "certainties" for next year's team in Sutherland's plunge in First Division.

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL?

Probably the most exciting young striker of all is Bankstown's Pat Dellar.

Dellar, just up from the junior ranks, had a superb season and his dashes for goal with both head and feet had a true stamp of greatness.

With good coaching and guidance, and with more

experience, he has the potential to play for Australia some day.

Ian MacDougall, who came through the junior ranks of Melita Eagles, consolidated his promising talent, and his 12-goal effort during the season by far surpassed the achievements of his more experienced team-mates.

Nigel McGuckin, the former South Coast United and Brisbane winger, gave a good account of himself and in his first season for Balgownie banged in 13 goals, including four in one match.

Other good performances were attained by Bobby Jones of Manly, Bobby Johnstone of Corinthians, Les Schauman (Granville) and Roland Sommer (Concordia).

CONCORDIA RELEGATED

After only two years in Second Division, Concordia bowed out to Third Division after their 2-2 draw with North Sydney-Inter at the Bankstown Soccer Centre last Saturday.

A purely amateur club, Concordia never really had much of a chance to consolidate and facts speak for themselves as the first team this season made use of 31 players.

In the first game of the two relegation play-offs Concordia were thrashed 5-2 by Inter, and a draw last week was sufficient to send the club crashing into the lower Division.

In drizzling rain and on a muddy pitch, Inter had the game sewn up in the first 10 minutes when Bruno Spresian, who was well marked, burst through the Concordia defence to take the lead.

Inter showed more method in their play and were more dangerous when in possession, but although they dominated the rest of the first half, they could not get past goalie Wupper.

Concordia came back strongly after the interval and took control in midfield to keep the Inter defence under pressure, but their shooting was woeful.

However, in the 70th minute they deservedly equalised with a 30-metre drive by Brandtner.

Inter regained the lead two minutes later when left-half George Ledesma, who incidentally played an excellent role in midfield, beat Wupper with a good placement.

Despite the goal Concordia still held the upper hand and it was no surprise when with only four minutes to the whistle left-winger Roland Sommer beat Power with a fierce drive from close range.

NS-Inter: Power, Foster, Ardzewski, Giacometti, Mucilio, Ledesma (1), Spresian (1), Poletto, Valdemar, Randy, Nmac.

Concordia: Wupper, Auras, Gassner, Filter, Muller, Fojtlin, Deller, Tarver, Kappacher, Brandtner (1), Sommer (1).

— CHARLES SPITERI

HAKOAH TOO CLASSY IN NSW STATE CUP FINAL

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The curtain came down on Sydney club soccer last Sunday with Hakoah's predictable victory in the first Federation-run NSW State Cup.

Hakoah, using the strong wind to good advantage, scored three goals in the second half to defeat rank outsiders South Sydney 3-0 in front of 3,663 spectators at the Sydney Sportsground.

Although they had to wait until the 57th minute for George Yardley to open the scoring, Hakoah's victory was never in doubt.

They were completely on top in the first half when Souths were unable to capitalise on the wind at their backs.

closing 10 minutes of the first period Hakoah applied such pressure that it was nothing short of a miracle that the score was still 0-0 at the interval.

Souths' only scoring chances in the first 45 minutes came when Kobesek kicked over the bar in the 19th minute and when Haffey dived at Harris' feet in the 30th.

They could also, perhaps, have benefited from a penalty in the opening minutes when Gardiner appeared to handle the ball.

Hakoah resumed their onslaught straight from the kick-off, but their first goal was the result of a bad lapse by John Doyle.

The South Sydney playmaker backpassed badly to Corry, and the ball was intercepted by Keddie whose square pass to Yardley was pushed past the groping Corry by the Scottish striker.

Three minutes later Keddie headed home Hakoah's second goal from a great cross by Fekete, and in the 73rd minute Watkiss and McNamee combined for Keddie to score again — this time with a fierce 16-metre drive.

Hakoah's best player was John McNamee, whose dashes down the wing and steady flow of excellent passes set up several scoring chances for his teammates.

Watkiss, Fekete, Marnoch, Gardiner and Yardley, resuming after his cheekbone injury in the round-robin against Ryde, were

all equal to their reputations.

Corry, Shepherd, Susa and Wright, who may have clinched a berth in the Australian squad against Israel, fought gamely for the losers.

Hakoah, who played 35 official competitive matches this year for only one defeat, now have almost seven weeks to prepare for their match against Israel next month.

They don't need to improve all that much on last Sunday's performance to

give Israel a run for their money.

Hakoah: Haffey 4, Fekete 4, Hillsdon 3 (Barnes 76 min.), Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Gardiner 4, Walsh 3, Yardley 4, Keddie 3, Baartz 3, McNamee 5. **Total:** 41.

South Sydney: Corry 4, Ashurst 3, Susa 4, Shepherd 4, Carr 3, Doyle 3, Kobesek 2 (Taylor 2), Wright 4, Harris 3, Sullivan 3, McLean 3. **Total:** 36.

Scorers: Yardley 57 min., Keddie 60 and 73 mins.

Referee: F. Shiba.

Crowd: 3,663.

READERS' LETTERS

WEST NOT BEST

Those people who claim that Western Suburbs Soccer Club is the most successful of all newly-promoted Sydney First Division clubs have their soccer facts all wrong.

Yugal did equally well, if not better in 1962 when the club was third in the premiership, preliminary finalist and winner of the Australia Cup.

Yugal, who beat APIA in the semifinal and drew with Budapest in the preliminary final before losing the replay, would have been in the Grand Final if the current round-robin rules had applied in 1962.

As an Australia Cup win is more impressive than a local Ampol Cup success, I suggest that Yugal's record as the most outstanding achievement for a newly-promoted Sydney First Division club still stands.

Congratulations, however to Western Suburbs for a good try.

Peter Hyman,
Kingston (A.C.T.)

MINI-SEASON

I wish to object strongly against the policy of the NSW Federation to end the club season so early.

Sydney is the only major soccer centre in Australia without any soccer in October.

I am sure that the vast majority of soccer fans want soccer to be played competitively until late Spring.

However, it seems that our officials are only concerned about what the sporting editors of daily newspapers think of the length of the football season.

It's a lie to say that soccer doesn't draw in October or November because Australia and Federation Cup matches a decade or so ago attracted large crowds, right up even to December.

P. Palinka,
Croydon.

MELITA FAN

I am a former resident of Sydney where I was a one-eyed Melita Eagles supporter.

Now I have moved to Melbourne, but I still keep in touch with the Sydney news by buying "Soccer World".

I would like to know if Melita intend buying any new players next year.

May I suggest that Jim Rooney, of Prague, and a good goalkeeper would do the trick and Melita would win promotion to First Division next year.

I take this opportunity to wish all the Melita players the best of luck for 1972 and I would like to congratulate the three Melita players who were selected in the under-21 NSW squad, namely Tony Edwards, Dave McAusland and Steve Hoszkowski, to play in Adelaide.

Ron Bezzina,
St. Albans (Vic.).



BOB FEKETE

McNamee hit the post in the 15th minute, and from the rebound Walsh missed the easiest of sitters when he headed over the bar.

In the 32nd minute it was Keddie's turn to miss an open goal, and in the

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World Cup film great spectacle

The 1970 World Cup has arrived, even if only on film. But it was worth waiting for: this color production, running almost two hours, shows dozens of the highlights of this great event.

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You will see the incredibly agile Moroccan goalkeeper, the inhumanly rough Sweden v. Israel confrontation as well as a great goal by Petras against Brazil after which the blond Czechoslovak crosses himself; I wonder how they edited that scene in Prague?

The dramatic Germany v. England and Italy v. Germany matches are shown in greater detail — and so is the magnificent final between Brazil and Italy.

You shouldn't miss this action-packed film for anything. For details about the Sydney showings, see notice on this page. — Paul Dean

European Cup Results EARLY EXIT BY HAJDUK SPLIT

Hajduk Split, the Yugoslav champions who are expected to tour Australia in about four months, were eliminated from the European Champions' Cup without losing . . .

Hajduk in the first round held Valencia to a scoreless draw in Spain, and drew again in the return match last week.

The score, however, was 1-1 this time and as goals scored away from home count double, Hajduk made a quick exit from Europe's major competition.

The biggest surprise of the three European cups was the humiliating 4-0 defeat of Leeds, the holders, by Belgium's Lierse SK, in the UEFA Cup.

The winners in Europe last week, with second round qualifiers in brackets, were:

Champions' Cup

CSKA Moscow v. Galatasaray 3-0 (CSKA); Hajduk v. Valencia 1-1 (Valencia); Trnava v. Dynamo Bucharest 2-2 (Dynamo); Slavia v. IA Akranes 0-0 (Slavia); Gornik v. Marseille 1-1 (Marseille); Partizan Tirana v. CSKA Sofia 0-1 (Sofia); Celtic v. BK Copenhagen 3-0 (Celtic); Aek Athens v. Inter Milan 3-2 (Inter); Moenchengladbach v. Hibernians Cork 2-1 (Moenchengladbach); Linfield v. Standard Liege 2-3 (Standard); Malmö v. Ujpest 1-0 (Ujpest); Arsenal v. Stremogodset 4-0 (Arsenal); Dynamo Dresden v. Ajax Amsterdam 0-0 (Ajax); Benfica v. Sarawski Innsbruck 3-0 (Benfica); Feyenoord v. Nicosia 9-0 (Feyenoord).

Cup-Winners' Cup

Rangers v. Rennes 1-0 (Rangers); Steaua Bucharest v. Hibs Malta 1-0 (Steaua); Red Star Belgrade v. Komlo 1-2 (Red Star); Chelsea v. Lautcharage 13-0 (Chelsea); Liver-

UEFA Cup

VSS Kosice v. Spartak Moscow 2-1 (Spartak); Botev Vratsa v. Dinamo Zagreb 1-2 (Dinamo); Austria Salzburg v. UT Arad 3-1 (Arad); Teplice v. Walbrzych 2-3 (Walbrzych); Akademisk Copenhagen v. Dundee 0-1 (Dundee); Leeds v. Lierse SK 0-4 (Lierse); St. Johnstone v. Hamburg SV 3-0 (St. Johnstone); Djurgarden v. OFK Belgrade 2-2 (OFK); Bruges v. Zeljeznica 3-1 (Zeljeznica); Nimes v. Setubal 2-1 (Setubal); Nantes v. Porto 1-1 (Nantes); Shebourne Dublin v. Vasas Budapest 1-1 (Vasas); Aberdeen v. Celta Vigo 1-0 (Aberdeen); Ferencvaros v. Fenerbahce 3-1 (Ferencvaros); Bilbao v. Southampton 2-0 (Bilbao); FC Köln v. St. Etienne 2-1 (FC Köln); Legia Warsaw v. Lugano 0-0 (Legia); Plovdiv v. Carl Zeiss Jena 3-1 (Carl Zeiss); Elfsborg v. Hertha Berlin 1-4 (Hertha); Rapid Bucharest v. Napoli 2-0 (Rapid).

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SHRINKING ROOM AT TOP OF ENGLISH APPLE TREE

— By JIM COOK —

Despite the fact the game is undergoing a puritanic purge and many managers, officials and players are expounding a mass of theories on how to improve the set-up, there's nothing radically wrong with English professional soccer.

At least that's the impression I gained after seriously studying the game at all levels on my recent six-week trip to the "old country" during which time I saw games in all grades of league football with the highlight the clash between Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool.

The toughest and perhaps the best domestic set-up in world soccer with a fantastic spectator appeal, the English game is undergoing a transitional trend through the direction of the Football League which is determined, despite strong objections from clubs and players, to keep rough play to a minimum.

English soccer and the clubs can be proud of their record, especially in European competitions over the past decade.

In that period they have gradually shaken off the

superiority of most of the Continental clubs and their achievements are heavily endorsed in the record books.

In the big-time — and by that I mean in First Division soccer — the game is nearing its professional peak.

FANATICAL FITNESS

The galaxy of stars who make the line-ups are the best in Britain and besides their exceptional individual talents they are moulded through the efforts of first-class managers and coaches into real soccer machines.

Dedication and fanatical fitness go hand-in-hand with the exceptional skills of the players and their sides.

However, the English League set-up has undergone a dramatic change since I was last associated with the scene just over a decade ago.

At that time First Division fare was not all that much ahead of that displayed by the majority of the Second Division sides.

This would not be true today. In fact, some considerable gulf exists between these two Divisions and by present trends this is likely to widen rather than close in the future.

When most people talk of English League soccer and especially those overseas they mean First Division stuff — make no mistake about that.

The talented and ambitious players playing in other grades of the league have only one thought in mind — to climb the stairway to the top and line their pockets with a transfer to one of the leading clubs.

This is the main reason why Second Division soccer is losing the race to close the gap between their grade and First Division standard.

ADVERSE EFFECT

There would not be one Second Division player today who would not jump at the chance of a transfer to the top bracket.

On a less brighter note, the boom in First Division soccer has had an adverse effect on many old established clubs now struggling in lower Divisions.

At least a dozen famous old sides are reported to be in dire trouble and despite much agitation in recent years by some to increase the number of clubs in each of the four Divisions, my hunch is the opposite is likely to happen — a reduction in the size of each league with some possibility that more than a few clubs will fold up during the next decade.

The tremendous appeal, the electrifying atmosphere at First Division games makes it evident that the modern soccer public is only really interested in top flight games.

And the success of English clubs in recent years in European competitions has really fired the enthusiasm of the fans who

demand and only want to see the best.

Of the troubles which beset the game both on and off the field I feel many of these have been magnified out of proportion.

I agree with the English League's directive through their referees aimed at cleaning up the game on the field.

ANIMOSITY

For some of the players in the high stakes bracket seemed to be taking it on themselves to trample down any opposition that stood in their way of collecting a big fat bonus.

Too much freedom of the press accorded to at least a few big mouthed managers and officials has not helped the cause and only resulted in animosity between clubs and players.

A few players are also included in this bracket and some soon forget their humble beginnings once they have reached the top and have a queer sense of loyalty to their clubs and fans.

The fans themselves, through the stupidity of a few, have been blackballed as a whole.

This is unfair. For the majority of the fans who fill the stands and terraces are decent, law abiding people who enjoy the sport and are far removed from the hooligans who smash up cars, trains and pubs whether their team wins or loses.

SANDELL RETURNS

St. George-Budapest received a special bonus this week with the news that their international fullback Don Sandell will soon return to the fold.

Sandell was one of the stars of the Saints on their tour of Japan in March.

In the first half of the competition he maintained his brilliant form and looked set to be in the Australian national team.

Then, suddenly, Sandell dropped out of sight and all but vanished from the scene.

"I had some pretty pressing business commitments which couldn't be put off," Sandell said this week.

"But it's all over now — and I'm itching to play again."

"Pity the season is over." The other missing St. George star, Johnny Warren is also hopeful of making a return soon.

Four months ago Warren had a cartilage and cruciate ligament operation, which has ended many a footballer's career.

However, Warren's right knee has healed well — and he has started running and gentle ball exercises.

The return of Sandell and Warren will obviate the need for St. George to sign on any new players for 1972.

"This is the happy position I like to be in," said St. George coach Rale Rasie. — Paul Dean

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Juventus and JUST will contest the final of the 1971 Dockerty Cup at Olympic Park on Sunday afternoon.

Juventus beat Keilor City 2-1 and JUST eliminated Sunshine City 1-0 in last week's semifinals.

Juventus, the current holders, also won the trophy as a State League club in 1960 while JUST's only success was in 1963 when they also won the State League title.

Sunday's line-ups are likely to be (from): JUST: Milisavljevic, Zikovic, Dasovic, Lopatic, Rice, Rosca, Zoraja, Micic, Rujevic, Buljevic, Mrackiewicz, Kazi, Evans.

Juventus: Harby, Bonfini, Della Rocca, Goodwin, Sandison, Salisbury, Irvine, Crombie, Di Marchi, Thomson, Webster, Smart, Lakey, Dunne, Frost.

— O —

The State League Cup "round-robin" series starts with a double-header at Olympic Park on Sunday, October 17 with two more rounds to be played at the same venue on October 24 and October 31.

The final, which will wind up the Victorian club season, will also be played at Olympic Park, on Sunday November 7.

Fixtures are:

● Sunday, October 17 — JUST v. Croatia, SM-Hellas v. Melbourne-HSC.

● Sunday, October 24 — Croatia v. Melbourne-HSC, JUST v. SM-Hellas.

● Sunday, October 31 — JUST v. Melbourne-HSC, SM-Hellas v. Croatia.

The competition is confined to the teams finishing in the top four positions at the end of the State League competition.

— O —

John Gardiner, of George Cross, won the \$800 Rothmans Medal for Victoria. An amazing triumph because Gardiner missed the first seven weeks of the championship through a dispute.

— O —

In a sensational, totally unexpected move, player-coach Bobby Collins quit Wilhelmina last week. Collins, one of the greatest Anglo-Scots of all time, was due to return home to Scotland early this week. Reason for his abrupt departure is not known yet.

— O —

Bill Curran, the former State League referee who in the past few years has been team-manager of South Melbourne-Hellas and more recently coach to the club's juniors, has been appointed coach to the senior side in succession to Lou Brodie who recently left to take up a two-year appointment as coach to Kuwait's national side. Curran, a Scot from Edinburgh, has been in Melbourne for 16 years and since his retirement as a referee, he had spells with Slavia and Croatia. For several years now he has been closely connected with Victoria's junior sides.

— O —

South Melbourne-Hellas have created something of a bombshell with the release of the news that they are willing to consider offers for three of their best-known players — ace defender Steve Walker, striker Ernie Ackerley and winger Geoff Gould.

— O —

The annual representative match between the Technical Schools XI and the High Schools XI is likely to be played at Jubilee Park, Ringwood on October 8 or 15. Jubilee Park has been made available for the game by John Van Hoboken, the Wilhelmina president. The game should pull out plenty of scouts as both schools have considerable talent in their ranks. This is the 21st clash between the pair, each having won 10 games apiece. The coach of the Tech Schools is Ollie Norris, the former Wilhelmina and Hakoah player, while Bob Gough, ex-JUST, is the team boss of the High Schools side.

— O —

Not one club in the State League finished in a similar position on the league ladder this season as they had done in 1970.

— JIM COOK

WITH THE AMATEURS BELMORE PROUD OF YOUNGSTERS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Amongst the progressive Third Division clubs, Belmore, the final winners, had the best record over the second half of the 1971 competition.

Like Marrickville, they have a background in the strong Canterbury Association.

Belmore's proudest possession is its juniors.

The successful 1971 first team contained eight players developed within the club, and three from the neighboring Canterbury Junior Club.

Of the 30 players fielded in two teams, 21 were local products.

In inter-suburban soccer Belmore have won five championships in first and second grade in five years, losing only one — the 1969 second grade.

Looking behind the scene, the inter-suburban team officials are first grade manager Norm Campbell and Jim McIlroy in second grade.

The club trainer, George Wardman, is a former Drummoyle first grade winghalf.

The big success of 1971 was forward Billy Seymour, who netted 13 goals in the last 14 games.

Yet no one did more to build the side than club coach and former player, Col Rae.

Rae is usually a man of few words, but then results speak for themselves. The club's 1971 first team was:

Fred Pearce (captain), Leon Farrin, Jim King, Leo Giuliano, Gary Gilbert, Ron Moynihan, Gary Warnken, Dennis Brooker, Brian Harris, Ross Brown, Tom Graham, Gary Townsend, Bill Seymour, Ian Graves, Andrew, Stephen and Billy McMullan.

The big question is how the club can improve its ground, as Rudd Park is a

difficult surface for good class football.

Perhaps the resourceful Belmore management will ultimately find the answer to this question, as they have all the attributes to forge further ahead.

RECORD FOR WEST RYDE?

Inter-suburban Second Division club West Ryde Rovers had their best season ever this year.

The club won both first and second grade premier-ships and championships in the one season, a record which may well be unique in the Federation.

Morrie Smith, the club coach and an ex-Granville player, had his teams playing fast direct football.

Lacking the craft of Chelsea and Queen's Park, their conditioning carried them through.

Long-term player David Klein has had his last match for the club, and retired on the right note.

Phil Wilcox, the former Canterbury forward and a West Ryde product, is still a good scorer, and snatched the vital goal against Chelsea.

Eighteen-year-old Barry Ward looks to be one of the club's top prospects in what is generally a young side.

The Rovers are fortunate to have such a good ball player as the 24-year-old Welsh outside left Brian Jones.

They also have another ex-Granville player, Paul Crocker.

Next season their Meadowbank home ground is the pitch on which Ryde Council has granted them a 21-year lease.

Commercial Comp. under way

Sydney's second Commercial Soccer Championship kicks off today, Thursday, October 7, with three matches under floodlights at Jones Park, Burnett Street, Parramatta.

The draw is: 7 p.m. ANZ Bank v. Flotta Lauro; 8.10 p.m. Ferrari Industries v. Australia Sowings; 9.15 p.m. Transfield v. Hornets.

More matches in the two-group competition will be played on Tuesday, October 12, at the same ground — Azurri-Leichhardt v. Caltex at 7 p.m., EPT v. Valletta at 8.10 p.m. and National Bank v. Midford at 9.15 p.m. Atlas Printery has a bye.

● Watch next week's issue for a special report on Sydney's only summer football competition.



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FIRST DIVISION CLUBS REVISITED

West's geared to get even closer to peak

— By PAUL DEAN —

"West the best," so the club's chant goes — and this year they weren't too many octaves away from the truth.

Victory in the Ampol Cup, third place in the championship and then a narrow loss in the Grand Final was a better cumulative effort than achieved by either Hakoah or St. George.

Before assessing West's splendid achievements, let's quickly kill a growing myth about them.

Although it was the club's first year in top company, so many of their players are experienced, hardened First Division campaigners that it's an exaggeration to call them "novices".

Nevertheless, their outstanding results have been real and more than praiseworthy.

In the championship they were the first team to dethrone St. George and then, in the round-robin, they were the first to beat Hakoah in 12 months — with the win a stupendous 5-1.

West's were in the race for at least second placing for a long time and it was only in the closing stages that St. George pulled away.

NEW COLOR

Even in the Grand Final, they were not without some prospects and had they taken their chances, might have caused an upset.

But why be greedy? West have given us much more than anybody could have asked for and, in the process, added new color and excitement to the scene.

One charge often levelled against them is that West don't play attractive football.

This, of course, depends on YOUR definition of what is attractive.

They played a direct, fairly open, no-nonsense type of game, very much in the British mould.

Nobody could accuse them of being over-defensive; their nominal stopper, George Kinnell, played more like a European "libero" or freeback, roaming upfield and scoring some great goals.

Matt Guillea, this underrated but often brilliant Irishman was their real stopper cum sweeper, the defensive pivot — and did a marvellous job.

Behind him Ross Kelly and Terry Eaton alternated in goal and to the bitter end neither could gain the upper hand in this duel.

Cliff Van Blerk, this veteran ex-APIA star and young John Hargreaves complemented each other well as the fullback pair.

REAL FIND

However, in our view the real find of their defence was young Greg Smith who, whenever he had the chance, burst on the scene to grab it with both hands.

Hargreaves may develop into an Australian star; Smith almost certainly will. Archie Blue and Dave Johnston, two great veterans, were the team's mid-field promoters.

To some extent West's were unlucky that these

two seldom hit their peak at the same time; Blue started off well, then faded and came again; Johnston was more effective in the first half of the season.

In the attack Brian Turner started off like a world-beater, promising to reach the heights of Ray Baartz within a season or two.



DAVE JOHNSTON

Then came an indifferent spell and one realised that this talented, strong young striker still had a great deal to learn.

The inconsistency of the attack was one of the unsatisfactory features of West's.

Wim Spiekerman had five or six colossal games — against St. George in the 4-2 game, against Hakoah in the 5-1 drubbing — but at other times he stayed many notches below his somewhat inflated Melbourne reputation.

Greg Byles, an inexpensive signing from Pan Hellenic, matured amazingly and towards the end developed into a very effective winger.

The even younger David Jack, grandson of the once legendary Arsenal star and son of Sun writer, both of

the same name, has shown tremendous potential.

His basic skill on and off the ball is well above the local average but one rather feels that an inside or midfield position would suit him better than the wing.

John Bijkerk was badly neglected for most of the season, having played only in two matches before the round-robin.

But there, he polished off Hakoah, having his best match ever, probably earning himself a place for next year.

The question is — where will West go from here? Their successes in their initial year are certain to have whetted their appetite yet there is no guarantee that they can emulate, let alone surpass them in 1972.

A few of their veterans will be one year closer to retirement — it's doubtful if Kinnell, Blue, Guillea, Van Blerk and Johnston can be relied upon to carry the youngsters again.

On the other hand, these youngsters will have matured immensely and an even more impressive season from Smith, Hargreaves, Turner, Jack, Kelly and Byles would come as no surprise at all.

TEMPTATION

It's probable that West will add one or two new players to their staff — few wealthy clubs can resist this sort of temptation.

But they should buy carefully, for certain pre-selected positions, bearing in mind the necessary balance between veterans and youngsters, experience and exuberance.

West the best — well, not yet. But it's not very far when this teasing catchcry may become a reality.

RYDE STILL ENIGMATIC

Attractive, irritating, polished, unfit, determined, moody, classy, enigmatic — all these epithets can be hung on Ryde if you take them over a period of months.

Not surprisingly, this year they couldn't repeat their 1970 Grand Final triumph.

One rather suspects that money is at the root of the Ryde evil — the club has been skating on thin ice for years.

Without the beneficial effects of a licensed club, with only a moderate following by Yugoslav migrants and, worse still, with stupendous indifference from the Ryde Council and district, the club has been caught in a deadly triangle.

Where, one wonders, does their fate lie? With the fast increasing Yugoslav migrant group or with a district whose name they proudly bear but which could not give two hoots about them?

This is the basic problem Ryde will have to solve soon in order not just to

SUSPECT FITNESS

This, of course, stems not from a conscious decision but more from their own career approach and suspect fitness.

Occasionally, when the ball ran kindly for them, Ryde were capable of devastating displays, all skill and craft and creativity.

At other times, they were like petulant children deprived of their favorite toy, more concerned with their own tantrum than with the job on hand.

The coaching crisis, around the halfway mark, did little for Ryde's chances. Leo Baumgartner packed up and left, leaving the

team in the care of his likeable assistant, Steve Viskovich who, however, has the reputation of being too soft and gentlemanly — not the most desirable attributes in a coach.

Soon the team's suspect fitness turned into a glaring state of unfitness; matches were lost when Ryde cracked under pressure.

FATAL LAPSES

Cajkusic's indifferent form in goal this season was in stark contrast with his brilliance in 1970 and must have eroded the once safe features of the defence.

Ivo Rudic, this classy stopper, has lost little if anything of his effectiveness but he, too, suffered a few fatal lapses — an understandable result of overall weaknesses.

Crnic, recovered from his fracture of 1970, was never quite the same at right fullback while Nacimovich, his left flank partner, was probably the weakest link in the whole chain.

The long drawn out absence of Rafanelli, their polished midfielder, must have had shattering effects on the team.

When he finally did return from Yugoslavia, he was overweight, unfit and slow, incapable of resuming his once invaluable prompting role.

Tough little Trkulja, his partner in the middle, was perhaps Ryde's most valuable and steady performer.

Up front it was mainly the speed and experience of Joe Alagich that Ryde could count on.

However, on numerous occasions, Joe was left to his own devices to create the chances and then arrive in time to take them, too — much too much to ask of even a Pele.

UPS AND DOWNS

Takac, this clever and talented inside man, had great ups and downs, once again probably influenced by lack of condition.

Brajkovic epitomised Ryde well: he is just as enigmatic as his team.

Brilliant at his best, Brajkovic is also quite capable of meandering through the 90 minutes as if he was a casual bystander.

The Alagich-Takac-Brajkovic trio with Rafanelli and Trkulja behind them, didn't perform up to 50 percent of their potential — and therein lies Ryde's tragedy.

Waters stole some personal limelight by scoring an amazing number of goals from direct corner-kicks.

Edwards, occasionally a splendid and aggressive goal-getter, had a tame year.

Of the others, young fullback Bakaric made the deepest impression.

This former Marsfield junior certainly "arrived" in 1971 and should have gained himself a permanent berth.

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Second Division Review

Concordia paid penalty for amateur status

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The days of fielding purely amateur teams in Second Division are over, and this couldn't have been more clearly demonstrated by Concordia who, after losing their "play-off" with North Sydney-Inter, will be back in Third Division next season.

There is every indication to support that if the status of the club was on the same footing as their opponents, Concordia's stay in Second Division would have been of much longer duration.

In 22 competition matches Concordia only won two — against Guildford at the beginning of the season when the "Babes" still had the jitters, and NS-Inter with whom they had to stage their final battle for survival.

They also had four draws against Corinthians, Manly, Balgownie and NS-Inter.

As in the previous season, Concordia was mainly a first half team, holding its own against the strongest of oppositions before fading away after the interval.

Of the 31 players who made first grade team appearances, several showed plenty of promise, but could not be stopped from moving to other clubs where their services were better rewarded.

For instance, the club could ill afford to lose the talented Tommy Nazor and Fransejovich, yet both left for lack of incentives.

On top of this, the team had to cope with too many injuries, and the departure for a long period of playing-coach Ernest Fojtlin.

In Fojtlin's absence, former greats Karl Jaros and Andy Sagi lent a helping hand but the material simply was not there.

Of the "loyals," Fred Wupper and Peter Erasmus had good seasons and of the newcomers Gassner and Brandtner were the most consistent.

Recent developments which could result in the merger of the two Bankstown clubs raise dim hopes that Concordia might be given another chance to stay in Second Division, but this would only prolong the inevitable.

The hard facts are that there is very little future, if any at all, for amateurs in Second Division today.

Inter's late rally

Despite a do-or-die struggle with Concordia for the right to retain a place in Second Division, NS-Inter was rated pretty highly all season.

Actually, Inter still felt the pinch from last season's upheaval when the side almost disintegrated following the resignation of coach Mike Mazzina.

Most of the players from that team gradually returned, but some of them only late this year.

Centre-forward Valdemar and midfielder George Ledesma, two of the last to get back into the fold, gave Inter the strength and confidence to win its final struggle for survival against the hapless Concordia.

Inter discovered useful players in winger Nick Nimac and utility player Randy in 1971.

Both had a good season in an outfit that played some constructive and skillful football, even though it finished at the wrong end of the ladder.

Most outstanding performers this season were goalkeeper Tony Power, whose quick reflexes and perfect timing saved the club in many awkward situations, and winger Bruno Spresian.

Spresian scored seven of Inter's total of 24 goals, but his most lethal weapon was his speed and accurate crosses down the middle from which most of the other goals were scored.

Inter owes much of its existence and survival to club secretary Fred Leitner.

He is one of the hardest-working men in the Division and rain, hail or shine, he is with the team wherever it goes, organising and attending to its every need.

The final episode of the season which brought NS-Inter to the brink of relegation helped unite the club more than ever in the past.

This new spirit should be evident in 1972 when the club hopes to play a much more prominent role in Second Division.

OCEANIA COMEDY

Continued from page 1. mea but also about Israel's visit, because of the bribe scandal in Tel Aviv.

Both the Telegraph and the Herald on Thursday openly wondered the ASF's sanity in putting the Australian team into a camp for two weeks at a cost of \$4,000 — while cancelling the Noumea trip over a sum perhaps less than that.

Said the Herald: "With wages, motel accommodation and other expenses, the ASF's bill for the fortnight's camp will be about \$4,000. It's a ludicrous situation when we consider the ASF's stubborn and

rather petulant refusal to pay between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for Australia's participation in the Oceania Cup."

To sum it up, this was the battle position last week: On one side: the ASF executive. Alone.

On the other side: The New Caledonians, New Zealand, Oceania president Vic Tutting, former ASF president Sir William Walkley, all the Sydney First Division clubs and the whole Sydney press.

Of course, it's always possible that we are all wrong and the ASF is right...

What A.S.F. needs is a new crystal ball

— By LOU GAUTIER —

February is a bit late for new year resolutions, but February 26 was the date chosen by the Australian Soccer Federation to tell the world of its plans for 1971.

Last week, while disposing of junk accumulated throughout the year, I came across an article in a now defunct soccer publication under the heading: "1971 — Year of Action".

Although the author was ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre, he was merely stating what was then so-called ASF policy, as set out by his Executive. It must be stressed that it is the ASF Executive, not Le Fevre, though the story was in his name, who can take a bow for the worst predictions of the year.

Here are some excerpts from the non-story of 1971:

"It is hoped to send a representative team to Kuala Lumpur, for the Merdeka Tournament." (The team did not go to the Merdeka.)

"The Oceania Cup competition will be conducted in New Caledonia during October."

"Naturally Australia will take part and we hope to become the first champions."

(Naturally Australia does not take part.)

WORLD CUP

"We await our fate as far as grouping for the next World Cup qualifying rounds are concerned."

"Australia has already written to Sir Stanley Rous and Dr. Kaser of FIFA expressing concern that the same treatment as happened in 1969 may again be meted out to Australia."

"If necessary Oceania and Australia may send a representative to Zurich or elsewhere to again fight for a just decision."

(Australia did not send a representative to Zurich or anywhere else.)

"The Australian Soccer Federation is planning a programme of intense activity for the national team, as part of the build up for our next World Cup bid."

"As well as matches played in Australia against visiting nations, further overseas tours will be arranged."

(The "intense activity" so far has resulted in two unofficial matches against the visiting FA team. Further overseas tours have not been arranged.)

That much for the "plans" of the ASF Executive.

The saddest part of the messy tale is that we might have missed the Merdeka boat for good — unless the ASF can strike a quick reciprocal deal with the Malaysian FA.

MALAYSIAN DEAL

We suggest that since Malaysia is seeking matches in Australia before travelling to Munich for next year's Olympics, the ASF should bring them out in return for an all expenses paid invitation to the 1972 Merdeka.

That the ASF was evading the truth all along the line in the Oceania Cup fiasco is proved by Le Fevre's February statement.

If it was taken then for granted by the ASF that it was sending a team — under conditions specified four months earlier — why the sudden about-turn six months later?

Unless, of course, there are deeper personal motives we haven't been told about.

Australia's presence at the World Cup draw in Dusseldorf or, more important, a few days before so that we could put our case forward, was another broken promise.

The predictable result was that the World Cup Organising Committee accepted without question the Asian Confederation's pre-arranged draw for Asia-Oceania.

Four months later, Australia is still recriminating about the World Cup draw, and now when the damage is already done, we want a meeting with FIFA!

The ASF, despite the pleading and begging of many, didn't deem it necessary to send somebody to the World Cup draw.

Now, however, when the horse has bolted, they are trying to close the stable door.

This, anyway, must be the conclusion reading the latest (Oct. 6) ASF News:

"Australia has written to the FIFA and members of the World Cup Organising Committee, pointing out that in its opinion the playing of an eight nation tournament, even on the basis of playing only one match against each opponent, would prove an extremely large burden for any country to organise."

"Bearing in mind that the countries involved in Asia/Oceania Group B cover the enormous distance from Syria to Australia, the cost of bringing together to one place the eight nations concerned and arranging accommodation and meals, etc., for the competing nations, would involve a great deal of expense to say the least."

"Therefore, Australia recommended to FIFA that two sub-groups be formed, each comprising four teams and that the winners of these tournaments play against each other on a home and away basis."

"Australia has indicated that the sub-group should be decided on a geographical basis, accordingly, Indonesia, India, Ceylon and Australia would form the closest geographical grouping."

"We have also offered to stage the tournament in Australia."

"FIFA have advised that should the countries involved in Group B come to the conclusion that for technical, economical and/or other reasons the preliminary competition should be played in more than one step, such a pro-

posal with the suggested dates, venues and system of tournament should be submitted to the FIFA by the end of the current year."

"The FIFA advises that not just an individual proposal made by one of the countries, but by a general agreement reached between the eight national Associations concerned should be made."

"It would then be a matter for the FIFA to examine these proposals and to agree or to disagree."

BIG LAUGH

In other words, Australia didn't bother to argue its case in Dusseldorf — but when the decision was reached, in our absence, it begins the traditional lengthy correspondence to rectify matters.

A repeat of the 1969 circus one may say...

As for the "intense activity" of the national team, this would be perhaps the biggest laugh, if it wasn't really so tragic.

Flushed with the success of last year's world tour, the ASF assured one and all that an overseas tour would become an annual event.

The furthest the national team got so far this year is Melbourne, and if Israel does come — there are no certainties, let's remind you, in Australian soccer — then it will be Adelaide.

A 10-day camp in July and a fortnight together in November, that's all the "intense activity" and "planning" we were promised for 1971.

Friday in Melbourne

JUVENTUS KEEN TO TOSS SAINTS

St. George-Budapest should provide a big attraction for all Victorian soccer fans when they line-up this Friday night at Olympic Park against Dockerty Cup winners Juventus.

The game is part of a deal arranged when goalkeeper Jack Reilly was transferred from Juventus to St. George-Budapest earlier this year.

Included in the talented playing ranks of St. George are former Victorian favorites Otte Abonyi, Jack Reilly and Drago Utjesenovic, the former JUST defender.

also coach of the Australian national team.

All in all, it should be an outstanding attraction.

The Juventus team for the game against Saints is likely to be selected from the following:

Mick Hardy, Pat Della Rocca, Keith Lakey, Bobby Thomson, Maurice Bonifini, Jock Goodwin, Gareth Salisbury, Ron Frost, Alistair Sandison, Bryan Thomson, Dino Di Marchi, Keith Webster and Alex Crombie.

Australian international defender Sandy Irvine, who is one of their key players in defence, received a nasty leg injury against Kellor City and for the present is left out of calculations.

The likely St. George team will read: 1 Reilly, 2 Harris, 3 Utjesenovic, 4 Schaefer, 5 Williams, 6 Hamilton, 7 Ainslie, 8 Abonyi, 9 Herron, 10 Hogg, 11 Alston.

Juventus must realise they will be opposed to one of the best and one of the most professionalised sides in top Australian soccer.

And, in consequence, they must also realise that a vastly improved performance over their previous showings this season will be needed if they hope to make any impression against the strong Sydney side.

Good luck to them — they will need it. J.C.



MANFRED SCHAEFER

Other top stars are Adrian Alston, Manfred Schaefer and Mike Denton — all Australian internationals — youthful defender Harry Williams and brand-new internationals Alan Ainslie and George Harris.

Boss of St. George is, of course, another well-known face in Victoria, none other than "Rale" Rale, the former Melbourne-HSC and Victorian coach, who is

READERS' LETTERS

SHORT SEASON

I, too, am disgusted that the soccer season ends so early in Sydney.

October is still an ideal month for soccer; certainly far better than either January or February when the Ampol Cup is in full swing already.

Like reader P. Palinka (SW 8/10), I agree it's about time our officials stopped pandering to outsiders and got on with the job of administering soccer for soccer's sake.

G. YABOVSKI,
Rose Bay

REVISION

I have for many years been an interested observer of the local soccer scene, particularly in view of the activity of my four sons in the game.

I'm excited by the improving playing standard and depth of good players

in the sport as well as the promotional efforts of some clubs.

However, I have acquired a strong conviction that the natural advancement of the sport, which I'm sure is destined to become the principal winter sport here, is being severely restricted by club and Federation policy decisions influenced far too much by considerations of spectator attendances.

This seems to me to reflect a narrow point of view.

Surely, our only course for progress is to promote the code regardless of a temporary decline, say for five years, in attendances.

As the image of the game and our grounds and facilities improve the spectacle of good soccer played at a true stadium will attract hosts of spectators.

Before all this can be realised, of course, a complete revision of the establishment here might be necessary.

Fortunately we have, I believe, the basic ingredients at our disposal to achieve all this: firstly, our now profit-making licensed clubs, and secondly our expansive junior districts (see for example the creditable contribution already made by the Marconi Club which is without doubt district oriented).

V. H. ROOTSEY,
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NEW AMATEUR SET-UP MOOTED FOR DISTRICTS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Moves have been made within the NSW Amateur Federation to establish a new series for senior district clubs, one from each Association.

All district Associations were asked to let the Amateur body have their views on the question.

Amateur secretary Brian Emery told "Soccer World" there was a feeling that a district competition should be established, with the Inter-Suburban clubs returning to local "A" grade all-age football.

The move, however, has met resistance from many Inter-Suburban clubs.

The resistance has often been within the district Associations, where so many Inter-Suburban clubs have their own junior clubs.

Having been given the opportunity to improve their football in Inter-Suburban League, there is no deep desire to revert back to all-age competition.

Many clubs have indicated that their juniors should have the chance to play in the highest grade the club can reach.

Probably the barrier that makes success unlikely for the Amateurs' move is the great response given to the opening season of the Sydney Third Division.

The margin between the leaders Banks City, North-

ern Districts, Campbelltown and Arncliffe Scots and the last teams was so minute that it was probably the most even competition in the history of the Federation.

Until the Third Division was established there was always the chance of a worthwhile Amateur First Division competition developing.

Whilst it could always be a possibility, and indeed was not without its merit, many of the district teams are already placed in Second and Third Division and Inter-Suburban competitions which match their present standards.

It is in essence unlikely that the NSW Federation would abandon the clubs whom it is sponsoring with a view to seeing the best of them advance to bigger things.

One interesting facet of Sydney soccer development is the number of top clubs who started out in the old Metropolitan League, Federation amateur and Inter-suburban competitions.

Hakoah is one such example.

No club in Australia at

present can maintain such a high class of football, yet 20 years ago it was a small unit in the Metropolitan League.

At this stage it is possible to foresee that the accent will go on to the "Eastern Suburbs" portion of the club name in the not far distant future, gradually extending the potential following.

West started in Inter-suburban football only eight years ago.

POTENTIAL

By 1971, safely positioned in First Division, and in spite of a small regular following, Wests showed by the season's end that a good potential following is coming.

Auburn is another club that broke through from lesser competitions to First Division.

The top Sydney clubs are, in the main, now facing the position that their future lies in certain parts of the city.

It is no secret that Pan Hellenic may change to Sydney Olympic, a name which presents an admirable blend of location and

future with that mystic tie with the homeland.

It has rightly been argued that the Third Division and Inter-suburban clubs have little opportunity to express themselves at meetings, a point stressed by Brian Emery.

Against this, they have sound, strong competitions and that is what football is all about.

With the Federation conducting all senior football, administration is streamlined and wasteful and time-consuming communication between separate organisations is avoided.

The Federation can field an even number of teams in all its competitions, and dovetail these in with international matches, cup competitions and tours away.

This in itself is no small task.

In Sydney there is the premiership, the finals matches, Amool Cup and State Cup on the domestic front alone.

Actually, the Amateur Federation has had its chances to establish better class amateur football in the past.

Under previous administrations the NSW Amateur Cup was open to Inter-suburban clubs, who provided much of the bite in the matches.

The NSW Amateurs then altered the rules to make it difficult for Inter-suburban clubs to specify the dates on which they were available.

Then they were entirely eliminated from entry.

The decision by the NSW Federation to stage the State Cup in 1971 gave Inter-suburban and Third Division sides their first-ever chance to find a place against the semi-professionals.

MASTERSTROKE

This was a masterstroke by the Federation.

On March 13 the first ties were played.

The minor clubs relished their chance, and if the senior clubs and their fans can capture some of the enthusiasm of the lesser lights, the Cup will eventually become an all-time winner.

Other opportunities to place amateur football on a higher plane were apparent in the move for an Australian Amateur Federation, and in the previous tours of the Fijian teams.

An Australian amateur body could have been a viable proposition, but it was allowed to drop into the shadows.

Last year the Federation Inter-suburban competitions received such a response that 24 would-be entrant clubs had to be referred back to their districts.

This year the position may well be similar.

Amongst the clubs applying already are Riverstone, St. Johns Park, Avala Sports, Joy Engineering and Lethbridge Park.

On this basis it can be anticipated that the Federation will continue to look after senior football, and the amateurs will continue to produce young players — the job they do exceedingly well to the great benefit of the code.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Juventus last Sunday defeated JUST 2-0, after extra-time, in the final of the Dockerty Cup. Dino di Marchi scored in the 92nd minute and 15 minutes later Bryan Thomson clinched the Cup for Juventus, who had also won Victoria's most prestigious event last year. Juventus were the superior team even in regulation time, hitting the woodwork four times in the first 90 minutes.

Now that the State League program and Dockerty Cup competitions have passed into oblivion for another year, the focus for the remaining four weeks in Victoria is turned upon the State League Cup ("Final Four" competition) which kicks off this Sunday at Olympic Park and features Footscray JUST v. Croatia and SM-Hellas v. Melbourne-HSC.

Both games could be close affairs. Seldom much separate JUST and Croatia who, however, rely on completely different tactics and systems to pull the game in their favor.

JUST rely, as they have done for years, on the build-up of close-passing before setting goals up for Dan Zoraja and Branko Buljevic, their main strikers, while Croatia have always favored the much more open game with Billy Vojtek and Jim MacKay capable of grabbing unexpected goals.

South Melbourne-Hellas will be having their first game under new coach Bill Curran, who will obviously have to experiment now that regulars Steve Walker, Geoff Gould and Ernie Ackley are transfer-listed.

Hellas came within an ace of pipping JUST for the league title and staged a dramatic revival late in the season.

Melbourne faltered in the closing stages of the league and, like Hellas, made an early exit from the Dockerty Cup. A hard game to sum up, although Hungaria have done well in recent years against Hellas.

Thirty-one-year-old midfield player Jimmy Pygrolis, of South Melbourne-Hellas who won the 1971 Bill Fleming gold medal award for the Best and Fairest player in Victorian soccer as adjudged by a panel of Melbourne soccer writers, created two firsts by topping the poll. He is the first Greek-born player to win the award since it was instituted in 1954, and also the first player who has won the honor for South Melbourne-Hellas. It was a run-away win for Pygrolis, who polled 20 more votes than his nearest challenger — Frank Micic of JUST. The Fleming Medal was until this year known as the Argus Medal.

Tony Dunne, the former Albion Rovers and Dundee United forward whom Juventus brought to Australia earlier this season, has returned to Scotland.

Dan Zoraja, the State League's leading scorer this season, recently appeared on GTV 7 and received the TV station's cheque for \$100 for his achievement.

Joe Makin, the George Cross defender, is returning to England soon.

Heidelberg Soccer Club require an honorary coach and anyone interested in helping this Metro side out should apply to N. Love, c/- East Wallen P.O. by October 30.

Jimmy Smart, the former Lions and George Cross striker who joined Juventus for quite a fee early this season, will not be included in the list of probabilities for their game against St. George-Budapest. The former Chelsea player was recently involved in a car accident and is at present unfit.

George Cross are hoping to send their full team to Bendigo on Sunday, October 24, when they will play a Bendigo League XI. The Bendigo League, small in numbers, was formed only at the beginning of this year, but is booming and likely to expand next year.

— JIM COOK

Referees must help cleaning up image

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

There is little doubt in my mind that the outburst of spectator violence which heralded this season's Sydney championship at Arlington Oval contributed significantly towards the depressed state of soccer in 1971.

The NSW Executive's decision to dock four points from Canterbury and to fine Hakoah \$500 failed as deterrents.

This was demonstrated by the fact that despite the "example" of the heavy punishment meted out to Canterbury, violence broke out again twice later in the season, costing Pan Hellenic eight points — and a probable place in the semifinals — and South Sydney a \$2000 fine.

There is no point in praising or condemning the rights or wrongs of the NSW Executive, which was left with hardly any option but to view these events with the most extreme seriousness which demanded strong action accordingly.

But in view of what's happening in England at the very moment, one cannot help feel that a long-term solution to this problem which is wrecking soccer is still way out of sight.

And the clampdown now being rigidly enforced by English referees may succeed in reducing some incidents on the field, but let us not kid ourselves that it is the total answer by any means.

In Australia's case, these frequent outbursts of mischief are keeping the crowds down and the irresponsible culprits are getting away scot-free.

After each episode, reports from officials on the spot are made to the Executive and, generally, they differ as violently in accuracy as the upheavals they are supposed to prevent or eliminate.

And while spectators, players, officials and clubs are reported and castigated for their behaviour, very little consideration is given to the

"action" or "lack of action" which transforms normally calm and well behaved people into a pack of wolves seeking blood and destruction.

Could it be that our referees and linesmen are overdoing their role as interpreters and adjudicators of the rules of the game, or could it be perhaps that our refereeing standards are not keeping up with our steadily improving standards of play on the field?

These are matters that merit lengthy consideration, and every endeavour should be made towards improving our standards through better training facilities.

Overseas experience

We do hear from time to time of players and coaches being sent overseas to get experience of methods used in other countries, but never a mention is made of an Australian referee being assisted to an overseas visit to gain knowledge.

If we are to improve our soccer standards overall, we must certainly require improved standards in refereeing, and the least we could do is to keep ourselves up to date with methods and trends applied overseas.

In addition, the Referees Federation ought to promote the role of the referee with an aim to improve his image if he is to command the respect and demeanour of players and spectators alike.

His job is no easy one as no crowd wants to watch deliberate, malicious and dangerous play go unchecked, yet they go to see a man's game played by men flowing uninterrupted which provides the thrills and entertainment they seek.

And though somebody has yet to come up with a blueprint for the moulding of the perfect referee, there were instances where through lack of experience referees replaced commonsense by an iron-fisted attitude and a deliberate abuse of authority and theatrics.

On many occasions we have watched in awe and despair decisions or lack of decisions that incite arguments amongst spectators — the ingredient that sparks mob disturbance and violence.

And as mob brawling and violent outbursts usually follow close decisions, the aspect of selecting the right man for a certain game requires careful consideration.

We cannot ignore the fact that some of our soccer clubs are controlled and flourish on the support of the various ethnic groups and selection of the right man to a "needle game" is most important in dampening the rivalry of the minority of trouble-makers who unfortunately take their long-standing feuds along with them to the soccer field.

Blaming the referee for provoking a disturbance is condoning the actions of the irresponsible to which we will never be a party, but if we are to cure this cancer which is degrading the game and depriving its pleasures from other people, we must examine all aspects that could be a contributing factor.

And to this end, Sydney soccer administrators should appoint a competent committee to investigate thoroughly all the incidents of spectator violence in recent years, so that some measure could be taken to obviate these ugly scenes for the 1972 season.



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NATIONAL TEAM'S PREPARATION BRISBANE TRIP USEFUL EXERCISE DESPITE 0-0

— By LOU GAUTIER —

History repeated itself in Brisbane last Sunday when Queensland held the Australian squad to a scoreless draw at Perry Park.

Last year it was South Australia which held the national squad to a 0-0 draw in the first warm-up match before the world tour.

The unflattering result did not unduly worry national coach Rale Rasic.

Any other result would indeed have been surprising considering that half the players hadn't played in almost seven weeks.

The inclusion of Wilhelm fullback Mike Pye, who flew in from Melbourne with goalkeeper Kie Reilly, gave the tag of "Australian XI" to the team which met Queensland although every other member was a New South Welshman.

TOUGH OPPOSITION

The trip to Brisbane was a very useful exercise, and I doubt whether the Australians will face tougher opponents before they meet Israel.

Queensland has improved dramatically since I saw them trounced 3-0 by St. George-Budapest on Easter Monday.

They showed the benefit of training twice a week for several months and they may confirm their improvement when they take on Hakoah in Brisbane this Sunday.

Although it's still too early to be positive about anything, last Sunday's match solved certain problems but several questions have yet to be answered in connection with the team Rasic will field against the Israelis.

Most pleasing against Queensland was the good understanding struck by Baartz and Ainslie on the left midfield flank, and Marnoch's towering display at stopper.

It was also most noticeable that it was the players whose teams participated in the round-robin or

in the latter stages of the State Cup who displayed the best form.

Players, whose teams stopped playing in August, were understandably short of match-play and couldn't quite honor their reputations.

By the end of this week, however, this lack of practice should be partly overcome since two games have been planned this week (against the NSW under-21s on Wednesday and Marconi on Sunday at Bossley Park).

Rasic gave every player, except Sullivan and Butler, a run against Queensland. This young pair stripped on Wednesday in the match against the under-21s and Sullivan will also be seen against Marconi on Sunday when Butler and Byles will be in Adelaide.

Pye, the Victorian, played the entire match at fullback and did reasonably well considering it's been some

time since he last played competitively.

In the first half he was the first of several players Rasic tried out at left-back. After the interval Rasic switched Alston there as one of the several experiments he intends applying in the next training games.

RICHARDS OFF

Alston is far too valuable, however, in attack to be sacrificed as a defender, even if he is a success — which I doubt, anyway.

Ray Richards' 55th minute expulsion even turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

Although it was a very harsh — and tactless — decision for a relatively minor infringement (he allegedly swore at referee Des Miles) it made the remaining 10 Australian squad members more determined and in the last 30 minutes they got in some

really useful conditioning and running.

Since it was only a training match, designed to give the national squad a run, the referee's decision was all the harder to follow, even if the petulant former Queenslander, who had been appointed captain for the day, did use a four-letter word when penalised with a freekick.

Rasic and his players have the job ahead of getting them in shape in the next three weeks, but it's not an impossible task.

Match details:

Queensland: M. Walker, Gault, Dann, Senjushenko, Gemmell, Sinclair, Fagan, Whitaker (Murtagh), P. Walker, Anellife, Jones.

Australian XI: Reilly, Wilson (Campbell), Pye, Richards, Marnoch, Rooney, Baartz, J. Alagich (Byles), Alston, Tolson, Ainslie.

Referee: D. Miles.
Crowd: 2,500.

COMMERCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jones Park, Parramatta is summer soccer headquarters

Sydney's Commercial Soccer Championship, the brain child of leading referee Frank Sbisá, is here to stay.

In fact, it can only grow in importance as long as the NSW Federation refuses to extend the season past September.

Now in its second year, the commercial championship, which caters for Sydney's soccer-playing business houses and firms, is becoming an increasingly popular feature of the summer soccer scene — the only one, actually.

Started in October 1970 by Frank Sbisá after a series of friendly matches between business houses,

the championship last year consisted of Fiat, Alitalia, Atlas Printery, Nixdorf Computers, Australian Sewing, La Fiamma, ANZ Bank and Milano Engineering.

The first commercial title was won by ANZ Bank, by the odd goal difference from Atlas Printery, goal difference — as in Europe — and not goal-average is applied in the competition.

Interest was such this year that 14 teams entered, which had to be split into two groups.

Group "A" consists of ANZ Bank, Flotta Lauro, Ferrari Industries, Transfield, Hornets and Swire Travel.

The teams in Group "B" are Caltex, Azzurri, National Bank, Midford, EPT, Valletta and Atlas Printery.

Each team will play against the other once with the first two in each group meeting in the semifinals, which may be played as curtain-raiser to the Australia v. Israel match on November 14.

The final, a fortnight later, may be played at Marconi Oval.

Parramatta venue

Matches are played on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday and Friday evenings under the excellent floodlights of Jones Park, Burnett Street, Parramatta.

Early rounds this year have attracted good crowds of up to 700 spectators, which is not surprising in view of the players who turn out with the commercial teams.

Although current First Division regulars are not

eligible, teams are allowed one guest player, without restrictions, and as many Second Division players as they wish.

Thus, players like Blanco (Flotta Lauro), Moschen (Transfield), Santoro (Azzurri) and any one of the several St. George-Budapest stars employed by Emery Nagy's Atlas Printery can be seen weekly at Jones Park.

One of the current stars is the top Second Division goalscorer for 1971, Polonia's Stan Wozniczko, who appears for Transfield.

All matches are refereed by Tony Boskovic and Frank Sbisá.

Flotta Lauro have donated a cruise for two, which will go to the winner of a "lucky dip" in which all players will participate. Adidas sponsor a "Best and Fairest" award, and John Serafino, the tailoring firm, will present the leading goalscorer with a sports jacket.

Coming matches

Triple-headers will be played this Friday and Sunday, and next Wednesday, at Jones Park, Parramatta.

The draw is:
Friday, October 22: Swire Travel v. Hornets 7 p.m., Flotta Lauro v. Australian Sewings 8.10 p.m., ANZ Bank v. Ferrari Industries 9.15 p.m.

Sunday, October 24: 9.30 a.m. Atlas v. Midford, 10.40 a.m. Caltex v. Valletta, 11.50 a.m. EPT v. Azzurri.

Wednesday, October 27: 7 p.m. Swire Travel v. Australian Sewing, 8.10 Flotta Lauro v. Hornets, 9.15 ANZ Bank v. Transfield.

READERS' LETTERS

LONGER SEASON

I simply cannot understand why the soccer season has to end in September with the Grand Final.

The rugby season ends as well, and those people who watched the three rugby codes through the winter would be more than happy to watch football at least until Christmas.

There is no reason to believe that good soccer cannot compete with grade cricket, which has about one-tenth of the rugby following.

For those who are interested, here is a summer program which could start a week after the grand final:

A knock-out competition, involving the top four teams from NSW, Victoria, South and West Australia.

With alternate venues this would be popular. Following this, a two-week recess while the State coaches select their State teams, and a round-robin among the States, which would be beneficial to those players who appear for Australia in the coming tours, etc.

From the other eight teams not involved in the knock-out, a representative team could be selected, which could provide mid-week training matches for the State team.

Failing this, how about starting the State Cup AFTER the competition finishes?

Alex Wellner,
Bondi.

NO BONANZA

The Australian Federation is greatly mistaken if it expects to make a bonanza from the Israeli matches.

The ASF and NSW Federations may learn the hard way that you cannot stop all soccer for six weeks, then expect people to abandon their summer pastimes just for the one game, which isn't all that attractive anyhow.

The ASF's national team and tours policy, if I can call it that, is so pathetic that it would deserve to lose a packet on the Israeli tour, if only to learn a good lesson once and for all.

G. Probert,
Baulkham Hills.

MELITA "BEST"

In my opinion Melita Eagles, though not promoted, was the best team in Sydney Second Division this year.

They were undefeated for 12 games in a row, including the entire second round, and only Hakoah had a longer unbeaten streak in Sydney.

It was stated in "Soccer World" that there were 3,000 spectators less in First Division this year.

These spectators belonged to Melita Eagles, who attracted the biggest crowds in Second Division this season.

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S.A. v. N.S.W. U/21 IN ADELAIDE

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT FOR NSW COLTS IN ADELAIDE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

NSW under-21 coach Mick Jones has produced a capable side for the history-making under-21 interstate match to be played against South Australia at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, on Sunday.

Two players, Terry Butler and Greg Byles, are well in the Australian squad as well as being in the NSW under-21.

Brian Turner and David Jack would have been selected, except for their inclusion in Western Suburbs club's South Pacific tour.

Another original selection, George Barbutis, is trialling in Greece.

Mick Jones has aimed for fluidity of movement in his team.

The probability is that regular club wingers Agnor Muniz and Greg Byles will be in midfield, with Byles also lending a hand with the striking.

Jones is likely to play APIA's talented young stopper Johnny Russell in a midfield role also.

LUCK CHANGES

The under-21 side worked two nights per week through to June 23.

With no game in sight, training was suspended.

NSW executive Peter McCann, after seeking games in Brisbane and Melbourne, found the Adelaide people most responsive, and Sunday's game is a result of his work.

Team manager Charles Valentine, responsible for so much of the spadework, speeded up the tempo for his boys in late September in preparation for the trip.

The aim was to play the Australian squad at the Marks Field during the week.

On October 10, the team had a six-hour session under FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer at Parklea.

Under daylight conditions the players were given a solid session of shooting practice and other skills.

MUNIZ' SHOOTING

Star turn came from Hakoah's Brazilian Muniz.

Mick Jones swears that Muniz bent the ball three metres in one swinging shot for goal — a feat which he feels if duplicated by others would be an indication that we are moving further up the international ladder.

Jones should know what he is talking about in this regard.

He had a period as assistant to Tommy Docherty when the voluble Tommy was coaching Second Division Rotherham United.

He has also worked under Alan Wade and Walter Winterbottom.

Amongst the likely successes in the interstate game are Peter Gee, the Manly goalkeeper, St. George's "experienced" defender Harry Williams, and the young discovery from Marconi-Fairfield, Barry Jones.

Not much is heard of Hakoah's young Scot Jimmy Izatt as he soldiers away in the Blues' second string.

Adelaide will give him the chance to shine, as he will be coupled up front with fellow-striker Terry Butler.

A glimpse of the keenness of the young Waratah side can be seen in the attitude of South's utility player Keith Ross.

Ross travels down twice per week from Gosford — a 100 mile round trip each time.

DROP-OUTS

The 14 man final squad has had to drop Prague's talented John McDonald, and young APIA forward David Bright is likely to be the other reserve who could miss the trip.

The NSW players will have to produce their very best as they will meet very stiff opposition.

For South Australia, this is the match of the year.

Peter Jaksa has coached his talented side for months. A near capacity crowd of 8,000 is expected at Hindmarsh Stadium.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Croatia beat JUST 2-0 and SM-Hellas defeated Melbourne-HSC 2-0 in the first "top four" matches in Melbourne last Sunday. This Sunday, at Olympic Park, Croatia plays Melbourne while JUST and Hellas clash.

Tommy Burns, who was re-elected as a Vice-President of the VSF, has held an official capacity with the defunct VASFA and the VSF for half a century.

The VSF held 34 Board meetings during the year, passed 508 resolutions and dealt with 755 items of correspondence. The Board sat for a total of 118 hours and Vic Manson, the former secretary of Melbourne-HSC and still a delegate of that club, was present at all 34 meetings.

The "Best and Fairest" player of the Metropolitan Leagues has only been in vogue for the past two years. And the winner this season — Jim Dale of Heidelberg — is the same man who won it last season. Heidelberg, incidentally, cruised home in winning the Third Division title with a clear six-point lead over Corio. Both sides jump up to Second Division soccer next year.

A spectator at the recent Dockerty Cup final between JUST and Juventus was Billy Cook, the former Slavia and Australian pivot who retired prematurely from the game with a back injury and who for the past two years has been domiciled in Adelaide.

South Melbourne-Hellas introduced 16-year-old defender Tony Koutrovelis into their senior team for the first time in their State League Cup game against Melbourne-HSC last week.

ST. GEORGE v. JUVENTUS 7-0

If Juventus hoped to make a packet from the game arranged with St. George-Budapest through the transfer of Jack Reilly, they will be disappointed. For with their admission charge being \$1 the crowd was restricted to less than 2,000 spectators last Friday at Olympic Park.

If Juventus hoped to lay strong claims to a place in the proposed National League they were driven to despair. For in the second half the Sydney side made them look like a bunch of Australian amateurs and won 7-0 in a canter.

Juventus, although full of fight the first half and only trailing at halftime through a great goal by Alan Ainslie, were really put through the mill and humiliated in the second half as the fitness, dedication and skill of St. George began to take its toll.

Only Mike Harby in the Juventus goal stood between the Sydney side and double figures. And the English goalie outshone his predecessor Jack Reilly, who kept him out of a regular first team place until transferring to St. George.

There were no failures in the St. George side. Peter Wilson, a guest player, was the essence of steadiness and Harry Williams impressed with his mobility and overlapping.

Alan Ainslie, with his drive, striking power and ability looked one of the best strikers and wingers seen in Melbourne for a long time, but the man of the match was undoubtedly hat-trickster Willie Hamilton who had complete control of the midfield and outshone the other 21 players.

Juventus were as good as they were allowed to be and the effect is in the result.

Other than Harby, Jock Goodwin looked the most comparable and compatible to the stars of St. George and Bryan Thomson tried hard in attack without much success while Keith Webster was dynamic throughout.

St. George-Budapest showed some real class and, along with Hakoah, also of Sydney, fully deserve the praise which makes this pair the most professionalised sides in Australian soccer.

— JIM COOK

Artarmon needs more fire power

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Lack of strikers up front was Artarmon's major problem in 1971 and for most of the second half of the competition, the club was in relegation territory, even though it finally pulled out to finish six points ahead of NS-Inter and Concordia.

Since promotion to Second Division, the club relied almost entirely on their fiery winger Jimmy Morgan to score the goals, but this year Morgan lost his touch, and before the last match Artarmon had scored the least goals in the competition.

However, they bolstered their tally in the final game against Concordia, when they won 7-0, registering in the process the biggest victory of any club in the division this year.

It was again the dominating figure of the experienced John Cole that held the side together in critical times.

However, after three years with the club, Cole is out of the reckoning for next season, when the new coach will be Dennis Welch, who two years ago was coaching one of the First Division sides in Brisbane.

Last year Welch coached Ku-ring-gai Association's under-15 and 16 representative teams.

Young

goalkeeper

Artarmon lost goalkeeper Paul Lambie midway through the league (he returned to England) and his replacement Fred McKechnie may have been too young and inexperienced for the role, particularly in the early stages.

McKechnie showed plenty of talent, but the jump from Third Grade to First may have been too big and too sudden.

In midfield, partnering John Cole, Artarmon had a most capable defender in Mal McGuinness, a fine utility player.

It was in attack that Artarmon felt the pinch as none of the regulars showed any great promise.

The position worsened early in the second round when in an act of foolishness Bobby Seaborn struck referee Frank Johns, which brought him an immediate suspension for life.

Seaborn was a handy

striker in a side struggling for goals.

From the first kick, Artarmon played rugged, hard football with the emphasis on defence, and always relying on a thin attack, based on the speed of their wingers.

Towards the end of the competition the club signed Lebanese forward Harry Cholokian, who impressed in the few games he played.

He will be an asset if retained next season.

Artarmon still has high hopes of establishing liquor-licensed premises at Gordon, and the club is trying to switch from Artarmon Reserve to a more suitable ground at St. Ives.

During the 1971 season the club lost secretary Billy Orr, who resigned through ill health, and assistant-secretary John Saxton carried over until the end of the competition.

Back in a newly-elected committee, Orr will be the club's treasurer next year.

The new committee consists of president Don Allen, senior vice-president Bob Williams; junior vice-president Col Kemis; secretary Dave Reid; treasurer Bill Orr. General members are John Saxton, Ron Davis, Fred Wingfield, G. Pitts, Rod Woods and Mrs. Woods, Cliff Parsons, Fred Wehiele and Bob Anderson, and the first Patron of the club is Norman Brooks.

GUILDFORD

After an initial attack of jitters, Guildford Wanderers quickly dispelled any doubt about their intentions and their ninth position on the table was satisfactory for a newly-promoted club.

The club, whose administration looks after 34 teams, fielded the same players as in the Amateur Division in 1970.

Guildford relinquished their amateur status last August and from next year all players will be signed as semi-professionals in line with most other Second Division clubs.

Guildford collected 17 points in their first year for seven wins and three draws.

Coached and marshalled on the field by former Swindon Town player, Vince Jack, Guildford played essentially defensive football, but their attacking breakaway system also worked effectively.

Jack used all his experience to keep his young and eager charges in line, doing the right thing when the pressure was on, while up front the runners await his clever passes.

Young goalkeeper Robbie Hoskins was most impressive while players like Schofield, Reynolds, Pierce, and Brincat were capable defenders, even if inexperienced.

Star forward

Graham Hann carried most of the attack and his 15 goals was an excellent effort.

Hann has the speed and the accuracy in his shooting to turn the tide in his favor whenever the occasion arises.

Johnny Wood showed plenty of promise and may well develop into another Graham Hann in the near future.

Wingers Ray Bligh and Geoff Morley were not so consistent, but they are young and should learn a lot from the experience.

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Friday, October 29, and with the exception of treasurer R. Hely and secretary Peter Coleman, a whole new committee will be elected.

Club president Dave Fraser and team-manager Bill Boyle both announced their intentions to retire because of other commitments.

During the off-season, it is hoped that floodlights will be installed at Guildford Park and preparations are well in hand for an application to be made sometime next year for a licensed club.

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Sir Alf may have to ditch the old guard

— From LESLIE PAGE in London —

If you want to mark a point when England team boss, Sir Alf Ramsey, had to start thinking again, it was that night in Basle when England scraped through 3-2 in the first-leg of their match against Switzerland in the European Championship.

England looked safe enough in their group with another match against the Swiss in November and a visit to Greece in December to follow. But, the performances of some well-known names, left much to be desired.

Now, the newspapers will bark at Sir Alf's heels. Now, every young player in these islands will be pushed forward for recognition.

It has happened here and the world round all before. But the 1966 World Cup win silenced most of the critics. And the 1970 showing in Mexico didn't sound the kind of warning it should have done.

Of course, the Charltons — Jack and Bobby — have disappeared from the scene, although Bobby Charlton is having one of his best seasons ever in the sparkingly revived Manchester United side.

Right now, European Championships apart (and we hear the finals of these will likely be staged at Wembley stadium next

year) the newspapers want to help Sir Alf plan his 1974 World Cup squad.

Current thinking puts in a tremendous plug for the theme that soccer is a young man's game. And they might well be true. The "burnt out" player making all the cash he can in the rough and tumble of the game in as short a time as possible, bothers the true followers of the game.

Personally, I do not expect Sir Alf to drop his old favorites just like that.

Just the same, Gordon Banks does not get any younger and his performance in Basle was not outstanding by his own high standards. Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence each have their claims on this spot.

Probably, Roy McFarland, Derby County, has established himself as centre-back, but Alan Mulhery, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters hardly covered themselves in glory.

Continuing to gain favor is striker, Martin Chivers, Francis Lee and play-anywhere, Paul Madeley.

Bobby Moore still turns it on for Sir Alf, but his club outings do not give so much cheer.

The talk around these parts is of the ageing England talent and it remains to be seen whether Sir Alf is moved one way or the other.

Certainly, there are some fine young players around the course who might be able to prove themselves on the international scene.

Wilson's cap

Bob Wilson, the Arsenal goalkeeper, might never have got a cap for England, although he was born here. Under the new "father's birthplace" ruling Wilson earned his first cap for Scotland against Portugal and most fans will say "Amen" to that.

Choice fell to Tommy Docherty, master-minding the Scots for a trial period and attempting to give his homeland a sense of soccer pride once more.

It sent the Scottish soccer writers into columns of

praise which is understandable with the Scots taking something of a hammering these past few years.

United's revival

Personally, I did not hold out much for the hopes of Manchester United at the start of the season. How wrong I was.

And, how pleased I am to admit it. Proud, brave United are back on top of Division One, thanks to the rampaging of Denis Law, playing like the schoolboy he once was, Bobby Charlton with a renewed zest for the game, Willy Morgan dazzling in midfield, George Best settling in life as in soccer and Alan Gowling, who began as an amateur, working like a trojan.

Frank O'Farrell has set going the old fire and the team plays for each other which must please, Sir Matt Busby, just elected to the Manchester United board of directors, already being the club's third largest shareholder.

Sir Matt says he will be an active executive director, at his desk every day.

Manchester United's climb to the top takes nothing from the long, successful early-season run of Sheffield United, just promoted from Division Two.

The men to watch here are Tony Currie and Stewart Scullion from Watford. Trevor Hockey bearded in a ferocious manner and just capped for Wales.

Also straining at the leash for recognition is Colin Todd, Derby County and yet another wonder boy from Bill Shankly's Liverpool bunch, Kevin Keegan.

"Bookings" galore

Clubs have to be good to stay at the top these days and the young talent must have its way.

Warnings and "bookings" by referees have now reached 500 this season.

There is no let-up and the League have warned its referees not to go soft unless they want to lose their jobs.

The ball-playing forwards and the clubs who like to work the ball, are enjoying a field day.

It hasn't exactly revolutionised English soccer, but it has changed it for the better.

CONFUSION OVER TOUR

As we went to Press, the Australian Federation still hadn't released any information concerning the identity of Israel's touring party, due in Australia in less than 10 days.

The ASF, with customary indignation, has denied rumors that several key players would not make the trip because they are required to give evidence in the bribery investigations back home, yet it will not give out with the names of the tourists.

Soccer fans will join us in hoping that the ASF is not again holding something back from the unsuspecting public.

— LOU GAUTIER

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Croatia defeated Melbourne-HSC 1-0 to qualify for next Sunday week's State League Cup final. JUST kept their slim chances alive by drawing 1-1 with SM-Hellas at Olympic Park last Sunday. The draw for next Sunday, at Olympic Park, is: JUST v. Melbourne-HSC and SM-Hellas v. Croatia.

Bill Curran, who recently succeeded Lou Brocie as coach of South Melbourne-Hellas, recently blew his top on the subject of junior interstate carnivals.

Curran, who was in charge of Victoria's Under-16 side in this year's national competition in Canberra, alleges that Victoria is wasting money sending teams to interstate carnivals as punching power has become more important than the basic skills.

Curran says that Victoria, who finished third in the competition, spent \$3,000 to get there and find that brute strength was the key factor to winning. Curran also has strong ideas on the National Coaches Federation and Australia's participation in the World Cup.

On the question of the coaches, he reckons here is no need for this body as it's too costly and serves no purpose. And he would much prefer to see the money spent in the various States for a national coach to help with the local coaching problems.

On the World Cup, he reckons we are not ready for this competition as 70 per cent of our players come from overseas. Not until Australians know we have a 100 per cent national team of Australian youth will the locals sit up and take notice, claims Curran.

Strong words indeed from Mr. Curran, and I expect the ASF junior management, the National Coaches Federation and the ASF to hop in with replies.

Norman Stanley (Frankston) and John Klimecki (Polonia) were both made life members of the Victoria Soccer Federation at the recent Annual General Meeting. Norm Stanley, who has had a long association with his club and also the Metropolitan League Management Committee, and was a former chairman of that body, is a crown law officer while John Klimecki, whose son Bernard plays for Polonia's first team, has been a devoted official of his club and various committees of the VSF.

Maribynong-Triestina, once a State League side and now in the Metro Fourth Division, are interested in securing the services of Duncan McKay, the former Celtic and Scotland player who is still on Croatia's books despite the fact he has been "retired" from State League soccer for the past two years.

If Makedonia don't pay up their affiliation fees and fines to the VSF within the time limit they have been given and also refuse to accept their enforced relegation to the Second Division of the Metropolitan League, few if any of the management or club members of the Metro clubs will shed a tear. I gained this impression after recent talks with Metro officials.

Johnny Wallace, the Melbourne-HSC linkman, is reported to be heading for the UK to try his luck soon. Wallace, who has been with Melbourne since he was a schoolboy but is still only 21, was born in Scotland.

Tom Clark, the six-foot-plus striker Hellas brought from Scotland last season and who for some unaccountable reason languished in the reserves for much of this year, is back in favor in the first team. Clark chalked up a considerable number of goals while playing with Cowdenbeath, now topping the Scottish Second Division.

Until the emergence of Jack Reilly as Australia's goalkeeper, the German-born Luther Kastner, of George Cross, was staking a claim for the position. But today, Luther, who is still in his early twenties and has been with the Cross since he was a schoolboy, is almost forgotten. One of the George Cross "rebels" at the start of the season, he later went on an overseas trip and in desperation the club was compelled to look for an experienced substitute. They found one in Lou Ivanoff, the former West Australian State team keeper, who did so well in the Cross revival (unbeaten in their last 14 league games) that Luther will have a big task winning his place back.

— JIM COOK

MERGER BIG BOOST TO BANKSTOWN'S HOPES

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Despite the loss of three main strikers, Bankstown United retained middle class status and slipped only one place to seventh on goal average in 1971.

Early in the season Peter Clarke, Peter Mullen and Roger Bamforth transferred to First Division clubs, leaving the club with a depleted forward line.

However, the depth in promising talent in the district saved the day for the Towns, and although inexperienced, these kids were by no means disgraced.

In fact, some rose brilliantly to the occasion and performed impressively.

Centre-forward Pat Delah, who scored 13 of Bankstown's 36 goals this season, utility player Steve O'Connor, Mike Prokratt, and a few others fall in that category.

Of the established players, Bobby Goose and Jimmy Roberts had a good season in attack while defenders Dennis Madden, Alan Sheldrick, Col Fitzgerald and Mike Farrell also held their own.

Best accomplishment of the season was the clipping of three points out of a possible four from Melita Eagles and beating Granville 2-0.

New coach

Bankstown's biggest victory was the 6-0 thrashing of Concordia, and their worst result was the 5-0 suffered against Sutherland.

All considered, new coach George Nuttall made maximum use of the talent available and gave local youth the chance to show its wares.

But the best boost to the district occurred at the end of the season when Banks City won Third Division — and promotion.

Under the direction of the Federation both United

and City got together with a view of merging under one consolidated administration.

The new club will be known as Bankstown District Soccer Club and will play in blue and gold colors.

It will have the financial backing of the Bankstown Soccer Centre Ltd., and from the resources of the two clubs should emerge a strong side capable of challenging for promotion in 1972.

Applications for a new coach have been called and a new committee has already been elected for next season where the new president is Jack Innes, secretary is Ian Kydd and treasurer is Roy Renyard, together with 12 other members, including nine from the powerful District Junior Association.

MANLY

Manly-Warringah, a forceful side over the past few years, slipped disastrously in 1971 and could only finish in eighth position with 20 points.

Several factors contributed to the debacle, especially the departure of playing-coach Brian McDonald at the beginning of the year.

McDonald, who moulded Manly into a successful combination last season through his midfield promptings, left suddenly for England with a promise to return, which wasn't kept.

The gap he left behind was too wide to bridge and Manly never really tried to make up for it anyway.

The heavy task of keeping the side together mainly

rested on left-half Les McGill who, although he himself had a very good season, received little support from his young and inexperienced team-mates.

McDonald's absence was mainly felt in the forwards and the 31 goals the side scored throughout the season speaks for itself.

In 1970 McDonald scored 17 goals despite his midfield role.

Consistent forward

Most consistent forward, and one of the best players in the team, was the elusive winger Bobby Jones, who easily finished top goalscorer with 10 goals.

Apart from McDonald, Manly also lost Greg Jones who had to take time-off because of studies, fullback Hendry to Corinthians and Steve Stroud and Brian Stocks, who also returned to England.

The club also lost the services of young David Jack who made a big impact with Western Suburbs.

With the side so light on experienced players, Manly had to rely heavily on youngsters and some who made the grade include fullbacks Dunwell and Russell and forwards Pedulla, Malam, Downes and Bowden.

Goalkeeper Peter Gee was outstanding for most of the season and his selection in the under-21 State team was a good indication of his form.

Yet, when injured or dropped during the season, his offside, young Doug Wood, impressed between the sticks despite his inexperience.

FIRST DIV. SURVEY

ST. GEORGE AGAIN TOP LIST OF "EVER PRESENTS"

A total of only 31 players appeared in all 22 of their clubs' First Division championship matches.

This is 11 less than in 1970 when St. George also had the most ever-presents.

A total of 262 players appeared in First Division.

We included even the latest second half substitutions as an appearance.

This is the full list of match appearances for the 1971 league:

APIA

Ackerley	22
McGillivray	22
McKinnon	21
Russell	21
T. Butler	19
Keith	19
Forster	18
McQuire	18
Pollard	15
Blues	14
Hughes	12
Burnett	10
Bird	8
E. Campbell	7
Iro	7
Madrusan	7
Leo	6
Steel	4
Bright	3
Callaghan	3
M. Smith	3
Schiavo	3
Tristram	3
Kurtz	2
Lambie	2

AUBURN

McDonald	22
Schneider	21
Simpson	21
Brady	20
Malone	20
Strachan	20
Selfridge	19
Rogers	18
B. Taylor	18
J. Stewart	16
Sidney	13
Hucker	12
Tracey	10
Di Santi	5
Edwards	5
Hawkins	5
Trail	5
Hoggart	4
Williamson	4
Craggs	3
McFadyen	1
Powell	1

CANTERBURY

Hardy	22
Bamforth	21
T. Thompson	21
J. Xipolitas	20
Whitehead	19
Zivkovic	19
Kulak	15
Mullen	15
Raeburn	15
Keri	11
Demopoulos	10
Lowry	10
Pocock	10
Kerklaan	9
Montgomery	9
Fraser	8
Scheinflug	8
Blitz	7
Romanos	5
Salerno	5
Hawthorne	4
Harris	3
Massi	1
Stern	1

HAKOAH

Hillsdon	22
Mar'noch	22
Rutherford	22
Baartz	21
Keddie	21
Davey	19
Watkins	19
Yardley	19
Haffey	16
Gardiner	15
Silva	15
Muniz	12
Fekete	9
Fuzes	6
D. Walsh	4

MARCONI

Yaager	4
Lynch	3
McNamee	3
Izzatt	2
Barnes	1
Silvers	1
R. Smith	1

PAN HELLENIC

Curran	20
Moschen	20
Richards	19
Cudek	17
Danayevits	17
Griffiths	17
Robertson	17
J. Giacometti	16
Rorke	16
E. Campbell	15
B. Jones	14
Burns	12
Santoro	11
B. Taylor	11
Connolly	9
Bon	8
K. Jones	6
Murray	6
Scheinflug	3
Telfer	3
Cooper	2
Robinson	2
Samuel	2
Roche	1

PRAGUE

Thorne	22
H. Xipolitas	22
Hanson	20
Maglis	20
McCulloch	20
P. Clarke	19
Harding	18
Hignett	17
Culledon	17
G. Manuel	17
Wetton	16
Barbouts	15
Parkin	15
B. Smith	13
Brooks	4
Howard	3
Hucker	2
H. Clarke	2
Stirling	2

RYDE

Rooney	22
Rootsey	21
Zeman	20
Harcombe	19
Weir	18
Henderson	16
Armstrong	15
J. Butler	15
Ridley	15
P. Walsh	13
Blanco	12
King	10
Perry	10
W. Reilly	10
Pedersen	9
Tinman	8
McLaughlin	7
Tooma	6
Bracklow	5
G. Manuel	4
McDonald	4
R. Manuel	4
Blackier	2
Cronk	2
Pack	2
Parkhouse	1
Rianelli	1

RYDE

J. Alagich	22
Cajkusic	22
Nacinovic	22
Takac	22
i. Rudic	21
Trkulja	21
Waters	21
W. Edwards	19
F. Rudic	19
Braykovic	14
M. Alagich	13
Bakarcic	12
Rafanelli	10
Cinic	8
Dickenson	3
Liba	3
Dougan	2
W. Campbell	1
Cooper	1
Velsicovic	1

SOUTH COAST

Galbraith	22
Dunlop	21
Gleeson	21
Harvey	21
Walker	21
Tolson	20
Tuckerman	20
McGunnigle	19
Wilson	19
Cuthbert	15
Gruicic	12
McAvoy	12
Ramage	12
Cummings	10
Stewart	5
Carr	4
Glover	1

SOUTH SYDNEY

Corry	22
Doyle	22
M. Harris	22
Shepherd	22
Wright	22
Sullivan	20
D. Taylor	19
McLean	18
Ashurst	16
Thomson	12
Archibald	11
Susa	11
Carr	10
Trail	7
Clarke	5
Frakes	5
F. Cush	4
Kobescaik	4
Ross	3
Lincoln	2
P. Campbell	1
Dalforro	1

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It was more than luck with Hakoah

St. George were rather unlucky to strike an exceptional Hakoah this year.

With the 35 points they collected, the Saints would have won any of the previous three championships.

In 1968 Hakoah won with 34 pts., in 1969 South Coast with 33 and in 1970 Hakoah again, with 34 pts.

Hakoah's 1971 championship was won by the highest percentage of points in Federation history — they collected 88.63 percent of all points available.

The previous bests were Prague with 88.46 percent (in 1960), Prague with 86 percent in 1959 and APIA with 86 percent in 1967.

Twice before in Federation history teams came within one defeat of winning the title with an unbeaten record: Prague in 1960 and APIA in 1966.

The worst winning record is that of St. George-Budapest, who won the title in 1962 with only a 67 percent output, having suffered six defeats in 22 matches.

Were Hakoah really lucky this year? Let's have a close look at their five drawn matches.

● Hakoah v. South Coast 2-2. With five minutes to go South Coast led 2-1.

● APIA v. Hakoah 1-1. APIA equalised in the 80th minute.

● Hakoah v. Canterbury 1-1. Both scored in the first 10 minutes.

● South Coast v. Hakoah 2-2. The Coast led 2-0 and Hakoah equalised in the 63rd minute.

● St. George v. Hakoah 1-1. Hakoah equalised in the 67th minute.

So three times Hakoah pulled out of trouble while once they allowed their opponents to get off the hook.

This, very arbitrarily, may have saved them two points. These, in comparison, were St. George's three lost and three drawn games:

● Ryde v. St. George 1-1. Alagich equalised in the 42nd minute.

● St. George v. Pan Hellenic 0-0.

● St. George v. Wests 2-4. Up to the 82nd minute it was 2-2.

● Hakoah v. St. George 4-0. Hakoah scored all in the first half.

● Pan Hellenic v. St. George 2-1. The Saints led until the 73rd minute.

● St. George v. Hakoah 1-1. St. George led until the 67th minute.

Not once did St. George come from behind in these matches. Twice they were ahead with 20 minutes or so to go, once they were tied with eight minutes to go.

So it's here that their luck ran out, costing them probably four points.

Of course, it's not just luck — it's more like bad management that results in these reversals.

St. George lost the championship because in their four matches against Hakoah and Pan Hellenic, they could only collect two points out of the possible eight.

And, of course, because they somehow lacked the quality to peg back deficits or hold on to winning leads. That much for Hakoah's "luck".

TOP CLUBS MAY FIELD U/16 TEAMS IN 1972

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

It is likely that 1972 will see any Sydney First Division club that wishes to do so conducting an under-16 team in a new competition.

The move results from a unanimous vote recommending the competition to the NSW Executive by the First Division club presidents.

APIA official Ben Virgona pointed out to "Soccer World" that when players joined Inter-District teams they were often lost to their original clubs.

For example, if APIA Junior club produces a talented youngster, his progress now depends on finding a position in a Western Suburbs representative team.

With the new competition he would be able to continue through APIA's own ranks.

It is not yet certain how the new league will operate.

Committed

Western Suburbs official Rod Weiss stated that his club was committed to support the local association representative teams in under-14, 15 and 16 grades.

From here the stage changes to the NSW Amateurs' policy meeting.

The Amateurs could be expected to continue on with the inter-association grades, with the under-16 units of senior clubs operating separately.

It is quite likely that some Second Division clubs will apply to enter the competition as well.

Some years ago the NSW Federation agreed not to conduct competitions for players under 18 years of age.

The need to produce Australian-trained players has now become paramount, hence the First Division move.

The Amateur Federation may well go along with the scheme.

There is plenty of precedent for this, as Newcastle senior clubs have been conducting age grades to build up their local youth players for many years.

NO CHANGE?

Although the NSW Amateur Federation has yet to finalise its policy, it is likely that the senior inter-district amateur club competition will not be formed, and the Inter-Suburban League will carry on as usual.

Many amateur officials are keen to see the birth of a new district competition, but are finding that Inter-Suburban football is so well established that it is unlikely to be replaced.

An amateur spokesman said that he considered the new scheme was sound, but the difficulty was to change from one type of competition to another.

"What Inter-Suburban football lacks is democratic expression."

"The clubs rarely meet to discuss their affairs and so are dominated by the semi-professional First and Second Division clubs."

"We need top class amateur football, but it is hard to draw the line as we have amateur players and semi-professionals mixed in so many competitions," he said.

Spreading quality

Some amateur officials consider that the NSW Federation, in fielding 164 teams, is spreading quality too wide in the hope of developing more worthwhile clubs.

They believe that clubs are being sponsored, to the disadvantage of the individual player.

Obviously, there must be room for improved amateur football, but in the day of migrant groupings, district clubs and licensed social clubs, no one knows just where tomorrow's top club stands today.

Perhaps the NSW Federation could consider clarifying future policy for amateur football.

The amateurs have now raised questions that are worthy of development over the years to come.

FOR "OLDIES"

Last year's successful over-32 years championship for teams drawn from various nationalities will be staged at Englefield Stadium, Dural, on November 20 and 22.

Northern Districts club will conduct the series this year, with arrangements in the hands of Eric McGraw on 84-2750.

The winning team receives \$100 and the Englefield Trophy, runners up \$60, and third team \$40.

Already teams from "Australia", "England", "Scotland", "Austria" and "Hungary" have nominated.

To provide for the "oldies" it has been decided that each team can only field two players who are currently registered with a club.

Short matches

Matches are of 15 minutes duration each way, and players wear gym boots or sand-shoes.

Twelve teams are expected to start out with six matches on the Saturday.

The six winners, plus the two losers with the highest score, contest the next round, and a suitable break will be allowed for winners of the semifinal before they kick-off for the final.

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SCOTS PROSPER THOUGH CROWDS STILL SPARSE

— From JIM COOK —

An overall view of Scottish League soccer reveals that many clubs both in the First and Second Divisions are playing to mini-size attendances.

But this is no great handicap to the great majority of the sides and few, if any, of the club treasurers sport long faces.

For the clubs have never been more prosperous and this is due to the fact that in the past few years they have become less and less reliant on the click of the turnstiles and have, in fact, become affluent through the huge profits they make from their lavish social clubs and their own soccer pools promotion.

In addition, all clubs have supporter and fan clubs which contribute weekly, monthly or annually to the parent body.

And, of course, through the courtesy of the Scottish League and the national pool promoters, every club gets a big whack, especially the well placed teams in the league, at the end of the season for the copyright of their fixtures.

Scottish clubs, too, have an additional income almost at any time they wish to capitalise on it.

With the vast array of young talent in the ranks of all their sides, they only need to pass around a whisper and give a nod to get a galaxy of top English sides chasing one of their starlets and eventually pour big five-figure and even six-figure fees into their coffers.

So the question of crowds at Scottish League soccer

is not really a matter of prime importance although, of course, this does reflect in the matter of atmosphere at games.

Playing-wise, and by that I mean at club level, the standard has never been better, and this is in some measure due to the fact that Celtic have been so successful in European soccer during the past few years.

Most other clubs have at least in some fashion made some genuine attempt to follow and adopt the Celtic policy and pattern.

PASSENGERS

But one factor is clear as crystal as it has been for the last decade — the First Division is carrying a few passengers and the clamor over the years to reduce the league from 18 to 16 is ultimately bound to succeed.

The Second Division scene has changed dramatically.

In the early post-war years, and for some time after, most of the clubs were so poor and so short-sighted that all they could do or think of at the end of each season was to go the rounds of all their neighbors and pick-up and sign up cast-offs and rejects from each other.

Not so nowadays. Many of the clubs beat the First

Division sides and the fashionable English sides, who all have fulltime scouts in Scotland, to signing youngsters from the youth and junior ranks.

This has paid off handsomely. For it has not only brought a great measure of skill into Second Division soccer, but given the clubs gilt-edged investments which they can cash for big sums almost at any time they like.

Twenty years ago any Second Division side would have been hard pushed to get £1,000 for their top player.

Today, they can sell a player they recruited from the junior ranks only two or three months previously for £20,000.

Nowadays Second Division soccer is covered by a multitude of scouts from top clubs every week whereas 20 years ago they were ignored.

In general, Scottish League soccer has made considerable progress in the post-war years, even though it lacks the crowds.

But while England is way ahead in this trend and the game down south provides a much more electrifying atmosphere, the amenities at grounds in Scotland surpass those of England.

Outside a few of the bigger clubs, player payments are on a much more

smaller scale than in England.

Some will argue, more realistic too.

However, incentives play a considerable part in soccer north of the border and, not unnaturally, crowd-wise.

INCENTIVES

For instance, one First Division outfit adds an extra tenner to the players' wages if they get full points against Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, Hibs, Aberdeen and Dundee.

And a Second Division team, which is highly successful, doubles its players' basic payments for an away win. This is all plus the usual bonuses.

One parting shot to the Scottish soccer club chiefs: the affluence without crowds should not go to their heads.

Without sizeable support, they might as well go back to the paddock and forget all the grandeur of their social clubs and amenities.

The man on the terrace made soccer what it is. And they should never forget it.

— JIM COOK

Primo not coming



David Primo (pictured), Israel's colorful, hard-tackling and fiery defender in the 1969 World Cup elimination matches, isn't among the 16 players who arrive in Australia next Tuesday.

Primo has been out of favor with Israeli selectors since Mexico where he was one of Israel's best players in the 0-0 against Italy.

He didn't play against us either in Tel Aviv last year. His replacement in that match, Karako, also hasn't been selected for the current Australian tour.

— LOU GAUTIER

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

SM-Hellas and Croatia will meet in next Sunday's State League Cup final at Olympic Park. Croatia, by losing 1-5 to Hellas last weekend, made sure of keeping JUST out of the final, despite the champions' 4-0 win over Melbourne-Hungaria in the early match.

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It has never been more evident than this season that the Metropolitan four-league soccer set-up is thriving and progressing on a scale hitherto unknown.

And if it needed any particular point to drive this home, then a yardstick can be used in gauging the improved standard of play when this year two First Division sides reached the semifinals of the Dockerty Cup, and both were only eliminated and deprived of a place in the final by the narrowest of margins.

But this is not the full story, and not even half of the growth and steady progress of Metropolitan league soccer.

At no time during their existence have they had more backbone, more stability, better balance and more confidence in their future than they have today.

Well-planned policies on a long-term basis and in co-operation with many of the local councils has seen a lot of the clubs take over their "own homes" with the result they have well appointed grounds and amenities.

From what was virtually a "closed shop" a few years back, the set-up has opened up and broadened out, with the result that no longer are the leagues restricted to Melbourne and its confines.

The Metro Leagues have spread their wings and now we find Yallourn and Frankston in the First Division, Ballarat in the Second Division, with Mornington in the most minor grade (Fourth Division).

On the player angle, the clubs have learned an expensive lesson over the years paying through the nose for State League rejects.

Today this is not nearly as prevalent with many sides placing their emphasis on youth from their own ranks or even more minor grades.

In the past, however, several of the Metropolitan sides have gone it alone and tried, without ever achieving any success, to change the policies and set-up of the VSF almost overnight with resolutions and motions which have had no earthly chance of going through because of the vast superiority in voting power in the hands of the State League clubs.

Only complete unity on matters affecting their set-up in general will be good enough to ensure that they have some real chances of a much better deal than they have had in the past.

For the powerful State League clubs with such a big balance of power have in the past been able to shrug off with contempt any move to improve the lot of the Metro clubs. But now it's so different.

On the proposed reconstruction plans and proposals for Victorian soccer the Metropolitan Leagues comes very much in the picture.

The proposals are already widely known and still at the drawingboard stage with plenty of time and scope for amendment and modification.

It would be foolish of the Metro clubs and their leagues to completely reject these out of hand.

For it is unquestionable that the whole set-up of Victorian soccer badly needs some change and reconstruction, and on a basis which will give the game in general a "shot-in-the-arm".

One thing is almost certain to affect more than half of the Metro clubs if the present reconstruction proposals eventually go through — and that is with this lot to be classified as "amateurs", they are liable to lose the pick of their players at the end of each year to the two — league professional set-up.

Not a sobering thought!

—O—

Heidelberg Soccer Club are running their "Ollie Norris Cup" competition in February next year and invite team applications for the tournament which carries cash and prizes totalling \$500. Team entries should be directed to A. P. Milburn, 28 Board Street, Doncaster (Vic.).

—O—

Slavia, who held their place so long in the State League and who had a great cup record in their era as a top side including winning the Australia Cup in 1963, had an inauspicious season after being relegated to the First Division. They got off to a shocking start, recovered well then faltered again and even although they ended up the season finishing in third position behind Elwood and Altona, the fact they only managed to score 26 goals in 22 matches suggests they need plenty of new blood in attack if they anticipate a return to the State League in 1973.

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Sunshine City, who went out of the Dockerty Cup semis with flying colors by going under to State League champions JUST by a single goal, had four former State League players in their ranks — Albert Seenan, Paul Deeming, Jim McIntyre and Herbie Seenan.

— JIM COOK

POLES "HAPPY" DESPITE LOWLY 1971 RANKING

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Polonia's sixth position at the end of the season was no flattering achievement compared with past performances, but club officials and supporters would have been quite satisfied in the circumstances.

The club is in the process of long-range plans of consolidation and the lower expenditure all-round coupled with intensified activities of a hard working committee saw Polonia at last finish on the right side of the fence financially.

On the field Polonia always fielded a reasonably strong side and its goal-scoring talents were not only respected, but feared by the toughest of opponents.

The European experience of the majority of their players made Polonia a highly technical team and, irrespective of the opposition, the team always played skillful football.

For the bigger part of the season, Polonia was guided by the experienced John Nowacki, but after his resignation the good work was carried on by another Polonia faithful, Milan Skorac.

During the season the club lost star players Kaz Kulak to Canterbury and Richard Krawiarz to Granville.

TOP SCORER

Krawiarz topped the Second Division scoring list last season, but his loss was quickly compensated by the younger Stan Wozniczko, who from the outside-left position retained the record for the club with 21 goals including two hat-tricks and a "four".

Wozniczko was one of four players brought last May from Poland to boost the club's chances of regaining First Division status and he was probably their best performer this season.

Another member of the quartet who gave outstanding displays was midfielder Kevin Szmidt.

Unfortunately, Szmidt, a married man, will not appear again for Polonia as he decided not to honor his two-year contract and will be packing his bags to return to his native country sometime before Christmas.

The third member of the group, centre-half Kevin Starek, also gave improved performances this season but the fourth, Roman Grudienki, has been plagued by injuries since his arrival and is about to enter hospital for another operation.

Polonia's failure to make a better impression was largely due to its weakened defensive set-up, which during the season conceded 45 goals.

Defensive errors through constant reshuffling of the side and the fact that the club had too many injuries was the biggest contributing factor.

Best victories of the season were the 6-0 win over Concordia, 6-2 against Artmarcon and Manly — all in the second round, but most impressive was their 4-3 result against Melita

Eagles in the first round when they trailed 1-3 at halftime.

Another convincing victory was the 3-0 walkover against Sutherland in the State Cup at Garside Park.

HOME GROUND

Contrary to earlier reports, Polonia will be using Girraween Park, Toongabbie, only for training purposes next season.

The club hopes that all home matches will again be played at the Bankstown Soccer Centre.

The club is still going ahead with its Doonside project for which plans have been submitted to Council.

The spade work to break into the district juniors will start this year and a summer coaching school will be conducted on Sundays, commencing on November 7 from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. at Girraween Park, Toongabbie.

On Sunday about 100 members of the club attended Polonia's annual meeting held at the Doonside Community Centre and elected 15 members for the 1972 season.

Eddie Dropzynski is almost certain to stay on as president and John Molski as secretary.

New faces on the committee include former players Stan Minol and Eugene Rosik.

FIRST DIV. SURVEY

Denton regains his status as top scorer

Mike Denton, Sydney's top goal scorer in 1969, recaptured his title as "goleador" in the 1971 First Division championship.

St. George-Budapest's international striker scored 17 goals, four less than two years ago and also four less than last season when he was runner-up to Ray Baartz.

The positions this year were coincidentally reversed, with the Hakoah star sharing second place with Joe Alagich with 14 goals apiece.

Denton's "winning" effort is the second lowest since the inception of the Federation.

Only in 1968, when the South Coast United pair of McGarry and Adrian Alston shared first place on the goal-scoring list with 12 goals, have less goals been scored individually.

The full list of 1971 First Division championship goal-scorers:

M. Denton (St. George)	17
J. Alagich (Ryde)	14
R. Baartz (Hakoah)	14
A. Abonyi (St. George)	13
D. Keddie (Hakoah)	13
M. Harris (South Sydney)	11
M. Sullivan (St. Sydney)	11
M. Tolson (SCU)	11
A. Alston (St. George)	10
W. Spiekerman (Wests)	10
J. Watkiss (Hakoah)	10
G. Yardley (Hakoah)	10
B. Turner (Wests)	9
L. Waters (Ryde)	9
A. Ainslie (St. George)	8
J. Cudek (Marconi)	8
D. Harding (Pan Hellenic)	8
D. Jack (Wests)	8
J. Simpson (Auburn)	8
G. Byles (Wests)	7
E. Campbell (Marconi)	7
G. Manuel (Pan Hellenic)	7
J. Butler (Prague)	7
T. Butler (APIA)	6
S. Forster (APIA)	6
J. Giacometti (Marconi)	6
T. Thompson (Canterbury)	6
P. Clarke (Pan Hellenic)	5
D. Dunlop (SCU)	5
I. Gruicic (SCU)	5
R. Pocock (Canterbury)	5
R. Richards (Marconi)	5
T. Thorne (Pan Hellenic)	5
P. Walsh (Prague)	5

UNLUCKY 13

Thirteen players — two less than the previous year — were sent off during the 1971 premiership.

Three clubs accounted for most of the expulsions. Ryde, Pan Hellenic and Marconi each had three players ordered off, and Canterbury two.

Hakoah and Prague were the only other clubs that suffered that indignity, with one player off apiece.

Ryde's Bob Dougan and Canterbury's John Xipolitis were repeat offenders, having also received marching orders in 1970.

The players in the "sin bin" this year were:

J. Xipolitis (Canterbury)	1
D. Montgomery (Canterbury)	1
H. Silva (Hakoah)	1
R. Danajevits (Marconi)	1
R. Richards (Marconi)	1
J. Cooper (Marconi)	1
G. Harcombe (Prague)	1
T. Maglis (Pan Hellenic)	1
D. Parkin (Pan Hellenic)	1
G. Barboutis (P. Hellenic)	1
I. Rudic (Ryde)	1
Z. Brajkovic (Ryde)	1
R. Dougan (Ryde)	1

Z. Brajkovic (Ryde)	4
J. Doyle (South Sydney)	4
J. Herron (St. George)	4
A. Muniz (Hakoah)	4
A. McLean (St. Sydney)	4
J. Rooney (Prague)	4
I. Griffith (Sutherland)	4
B. Harvey (SCU)	4
S. Keri (Canterbury)	4
F. Malone (Auburn)	4
D. McDonald (Auburn)	4
D. McKinnon (APIA)	4
S. Pollard (APIA)	4
W. Rogers (Auburn)	4
J. Warren (St. George)	4
L. Armytage (Prague)	4
J. Bjerkke (Wests)	4
A. Blue (Wests)	4
G. Burnett (APIA)	4
K. Cullen (P. Hellenic)	4
R. Danajevits (Marconi)	4
W. Edwards (Ryde)	4
W. Hamilton (St. George)	4
G. Kinnell (Wests)	4
P. Mullen (Canterbury)	4
G. McCulloch (P. Hellenic)	4
J. McGunnigle (SCU)	4
F. Rudic (Ryde)	4

L. Scheinflug (Canterbury)	4
E. Sidey (Auburn)	4
H. Silva (Hakoah)	4
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic)	4
B. Taylor (Marconi)	4
G. Tuckerman (SCU)	4
P. Wilson (SCU)	4
H. Xipolitis (P. Hellenic)	4
D. Zeman (Prague)	4
M. Alagich (Ryde)	4
J. Archibald (St. Sydney)	4
R. Blitz (Canterbury)	4
R. Bon (Marconi)	4
G. Campbell (St. George)	4
J. Demos (Pan Hellenic)	4
G. Frakes (St. Sydney)	4
A. Hignett (Pan Hellenic)	4
R. Hogg (St. George)	4
D. Johnston (Pan Hellenic)	4
K. Jones (Marconi)	4
W. Kerklaan (Canterbury)	4
V. Lowry (Canterbury)	4
A. Marnoch (Hakoah)	4
J. McAvoy (SCU)	4
M. Parkin (Pan Hellenic)	4
S. Perry (Prague)	4
W. Reilly (APIA)	4
J. Samuel (Marconi)	4

G. Santoro (Marconi)	1
N. Shepherd (St. Sydney)	1
G. Smith (Wests)	1
J. Stewart (Auburn)	1
I. Takac (Ryde)	1
D. Taylor (South Sydney)	1
D. Tracey (Auburn)	1
D. Trail (Auburn)	1
B. Tristram (APIA)	1
J. Whitehead (Canterbury)	1
D. Weir (Prague)	1
D. Zivkovic (Canterbury)	1

"OWN" GOALS

S. Ackerley (APIA)	1
L. Brooks (Pan Hellenic)	1
C. Curran (Marconi)	1
E. Cuthbert (SCU)	1
I. Hillsdon (Hakoah)	1
P. Hughes (APIA)	1
G. Kinnell (Wests)	1
J. Xipolitis (Canterbury)	1

These were the leading scorers in 1970: Baartz 26,

Denton 21, Keddie 20, Alston

18, Abonyi 13, Doyle, Tolson

11, Campbell, Schneider 9,

Alagich, Warren 8.

Seven clubs share honors in '71 team

Based on our weekly points which were awarded to every First Division player throughout the championship, these were the top three in each position.

We categorised players according to the old-fashioned nomenclature to simplify matters (i.e. Wests' defender Matt Guillea is listed as an "inside right" because he wore a number 8 shirt all through the season).

GOALKEEPERS

1. Rorke (Marconi)	8
2. Taylor (Auburn)	8
3. McQuire (APIA)	8

RIGHT BACK

1. Van Blerk (Wests)	5
2. Harris (St. George)	5
3. Keith (APIA)	5

LEFT BACK

1. Curran (Marconi)	5
2. Hillsdon (Hakoah)	5
3. Cuthbert (SCU)	5

RIGHT HALF

1. Watkiss (Hakoah)	5
2. Malone (Auburn)	5
3. Richards (Marconi)	5

CENTRE-HALF

1. Utjesenovic (St. George)	5
2. Kinnell (Wests)	5
3. I. Rudic (Ryde)	5

LEFT HALF

1. Doyle (South Sydney)	5
2. Blue (Wests)	5
3. Wetton (Pan Hellenic)	5

OUTSIDE RIGHT

1. Blues (APIA)	5
2. Silva (Hakoah)	5
3. Dunlop (SCU)	5

INSIDE RIGHT

1. Abonyi (St. George)	5
2. Guillea (Wests)	5
3. Wright (South Sydney)	5

CENTRE-FORWARD

1. Rooney (Prague)	5
2. Tolson (SCU)	5
3. McCulloch (Pan Hellenic)	5

INSIDE LEFT

1. Baartz (Hakoah)	5
2. McDonald (Auburn)	5
3. Takac (Ryde)	5

OUTSIDE LEFT

1. Butler (APIA)	5
2. Rutherford (Hakoah)	5
3. Spiekerman (Wests)	5

Just to refresh your memory, the "Team of the Year" in 1970 was: Eaton (Melita Eagles), Roche (Marconi), Ackerley (APIA), Watkiss (Hakoah), I. Rudic (Ryde), Walsh (Hakoah), Blues (APIA), Warren (St. George), Keddie (Hakoah), Baartz (Hakoah), Rutherford (Hakoah).

Ray Baartz has set a record that will be difficult to equal.

NSW CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

HA KOAH	185	108	48	331
ST. GEORGE	175	75	60	310
WESTERN SUBURBS	150	93	58	301
SOUTH SYDNEY	105	102	58	265
MARCONI	110	69	46	225
SOUTH COAST	115	63	34	212
PRAGUE	50	93	58	201
APIA	85	81	18	184
AUBURN	70	36	68	174
RYDE	120	12	34	166
PAN HELLENIC	60	42	22	124
CANTERBURY	25	15	22	62

NB: The NSW Federation multiplies points this way to determine the club champion: with 5 in First Grade, 3 in Second Grade and 2 in Third Grade.

Wests' impressions

NEW ZEALAND NO PUSH-OVER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The Western Suburbs party was agreeably surprised by both the main Auckland soccer ground, Newmarket Stadium, and by the standard of Eastern Suburbs, champions of the NZ National League, whom they met in the best match of their recent tour.

The match resulted in a 0-0 draw.

Torrential rain fell right up until the start of the game, which was played under fine conditions on a heavy but stable surface.

In spite of the weather drawback, 4,000 spectators saw the game.

For thrills and excitement, former Australian captain Joe Marston classed it as good as the best club games seen in Sydney this year.

Marston considered Eastern Suburbs' 19-year-old goalkeeper one out of the box, and he was voted the player of the match.

TRICKY SURFACES

Auckland has many British-born players of good standard, and in spite of low international position, the New Zealand national side could cause Australia some difficulty in the World Cup preliminaries, particularly if the game to be played in New Zealand is held on one of their typically wet surfaces.

Ken Armstrong, the former Chelsea stalwart who was for a time the NZ national coach, is now the national selector.

From Auckland, the party went on to Christchurch, where Wests gained a 2-1 win over Christchurch United.

Bad weather followed the team throughout New Zealand, and the Christchurch game was also played on a heavy ground at English Park, before a crowd of 1,500.

Tommy Randles, the former South Sydney and Victorian midfielder, played for Christchurch.

The final game, played in windy Wellington, was a pushover.

Wests won 8-1, against a team that fielded eight representative and three guest players.

The New Caledonia game was Wests' only loss, and under other circumstances they could have performed much better in that game.

In their New Zealand games the Sydney club made the usual mistake of not having long studs in their boots for the games on heavy grounds.

STUDS

This is just a simple matter, but one that **Rale Basic** must not miss when preparing for the **World Cup** tie in New Zealand.

On tour Tony Harrison proved a reliable substitute for George Kinnell.

Greg Smith was outstanding, and Archie Blue improved as the games went on.

Both goalkeepers were seen to good effect.

Youngsters Edmunds and Turnbull filled in at times, and must gain from the experience.

STAR WINGER

Probably the most impressive player seen was outside-right **Bland**, of Auckland, who was extremely fast and tricky on the ball.

Team-manager Roy Vincent noted that the Kiwis were very keen on the progress of their National League.

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ONLY TWO SURVIVE 1969 TEAM

Australia's team in the present series against Israel only contains two players who appeared against the visitors when they last visited Sydney.

They are Ray Baartz, who will reach the quarter-century mark in international appearances if selected in all three games against Israel and Billy Vojtek, who makes a welcome return to the national team after a one-year absence.

Aviv's Ramat Gan Stadium on November 10 last year four players remain today: Wilson, Vojtek, Mackay and Alston.

Alston, however, didn't play the full match. He was replaced by John Doyle in the 65th minute.

Here are the details of past matches between Australia and Israel:

ISRAEL 1 AUSTRALIA 0
(Tel-Aviv, 4.12.69)

Israel: Visoker, Bar (Lubetski), Shuruk, Rosen, Bello, Rosenthal, Shpigler, Talbi, Shrigler, Feigenbaum, Shum.

Australia: Corry, Keith, Schaefer, Zeman, Ackerley, Watkiss, Warren, Abonyi, Rutherford, Baartz, McCall (Vojtek).

Scorer: Zeman (own goal) 16 min.

Referee: F. Marshall (Australia).

Crowd: 48,000.

AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 1
(Sydney, 14.12.69)

Australia: Corry, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley, Warren, Walsh, Abonyi, Watkiss, Baartz, Vojtek (Rutherford).

Israel: Visoker, Bar, Primo, Roscn, Bello, Rosenthal, Shpigler, Barad (Talbi), Feigenbaum, Shpigler, Shum (Lubetski).

Scorer: Shpigler 78 min., Watkiss 88 min.

Referee: F. Marshall (Australia).

Crowd: 32,500.



BILLY VOJTEK

Vojtek, however, did not play the full match in the return World Cup match at the Sydney Sportsground on December 14, 1969.

At the 60-minute mark, the Victorian winger was replaced by speedster Willie Rutherford.

Of the Australian team which rose to great heights to beat Israel 1-0 in Tel-



ISRAEL 0 AUSTRALIA 1
(Tel-Aviv, 10.11.70)

Israel: Visoker, Bar, Karako, Shum, Rosen (Rachminowitz), Rosenthal, Shpigler, Ben Jakov (Wallach), Feigenbaum, Shpigler, Szabo (Zelzer).

Australia: Reilly, Roche, Wilson, Schaefer, Curran, Vojtek, Warren, Mackay, Blues (Richards), Alston (Doyle), Denton (Irvine).

Scorer: Richards 51 min.

Referee: M. Ashkenazi (Israel).

Crowd: 25,000.



JIM MACKAY AND
PETER WILSON

TREND SETTER

The ASF couldn't have picked a better team than Israel for this history-making, and we hope trend-setting tour of Australia.

When the Australians visited Israel last year — and beat the national team 1-0 and a Haifa XI 2-1 — Israeli officials intimated they would be happy for a reciprocal visit.

The ASF, wisely, took up the offer and made history in the process as this is the first Federation-sponsored tour of this country during the so-called "off-season".

It's up to the Sydney and Melbourne public to make sure it is not the last, but just the first of many more October-November visits by national teams.

A good roll-up at the Sydney and Melbourne "tests", and another five-figure crowd at Hakoah's midweek match should ensure we see more internationals in the future at this time of the year, irrespective of what some sporting editors — and their docile soccer writers — may think. — LOU GAUTIER

A. GEORGE IN FRANK INTERVIEW

What sort of a man is ASF president Arthur George?

What does he think of his organisation, our national team's future, our relations with Asia?

Next week's Soccer World will bring you an exhaustive, candid interview with the ASF president.

A large-scale reportage of Israel's first two matches will also appear in our next issue.

Our detailed analysis of the 1971 season will be concluded the week after.

This has been held over from the current issue because of the Australia v. Israel international.

Ray Richards, who left his decision to drop out of the current Australian squad to the very last minute, scoring the goal which gave Australia its 1-0 win against Israel in Tel-Aviv on November 10, 1970.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

The Victorian State League Cup final between SM-Hellas and Croatia was postponed last Sunday because of torrential rain. Watch daily Press for a new date — possibly this Sunday although Billy Vojtek, Jim Mackay and Ian Marshall will be on national team duty.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has once again had a "shake-up" in the ranks of officialdom of the Board of Management and the State League management. But there's no new blood introduced — only the return of some old and familiar faces.

Theo Marmaras, a former chairman of both the VSF and ASF, returns to the Board, and another who has staged a comeback to the main governing body is Mike Weinsten, who was State League chairman for some years.

Missing from the Board are John Oliphant, who has served the VSF in a host of positions and also represented Victoria's interests on the ASF for many years, and Enver Begovic, the Croatia president who has been chairman of the State League Management Committee for the past year.

The replacement for Enver Begovic is Tony Kovacs, the JUST president who has had a previous spell as chairman of the State League Management Committee.

Keilor City, the Metropolitan First Division side which reached the semifinals of this year's Dockety Cup competition, recently went to Adelaide and whipped Polonia (S.A.) for the Millennium Cup. Keilor City are also a Polish-sponsored side.

George Cross, who staged a great revival in the last 14 weeks of the league season, recently held their AGM. And the members showed their appreciation by re-electing en bloc their present committee which is headed by Alf Attard.

Thousands of people are flocking each night, and will do so for many weeks to come, to the Middle Park Soccer Stadium. But unfortunately the soccer coffers will not be enriched by the crowds. For the big attraction is the "Disney on Parade" show and the soccer clubs which share the ground on a purely rental basis can only look on and dream of the cut they would have got had it been their own ground.

— JIM COOK

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This was Australia's line-up in our last full international — against Mexico at the Azteca Stadium on December 1, 1970. The team then was — standing from left to right: Richards, Wilson, Reilly, Irvine, Alston, Mackay; first row: Warren, Blues, Roche, Denton, Curran. This week, less than a year later, only Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston and Jim Mackay will appear against Israel.

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AUSTRALIA v. ISRAEL 2-2

AUSTRALIA SHOULD HAVE ROMPED HOME

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with Israel in the opening match of the Australian tour at Lang Park, Brisbane, last Thursday week.

But for two careless, uncharacteristic mistakes in defence, some hurried shooting and plain bad luck, Australia should have beaten Israel very convincingly.

The Israeli camp readily admitted this and coach Edmond Shmilovich was one-hundred percent right to say after the match that only the result had pleased him.

Apart from the opening 15 minutes, when Australia, as is now the alarming custom, started shakily, and the five minutes that followed Israel's triumph, the run of play second goal, it was all Australia.

I have never seen an Australian national team play better — even on last year's triumphant tour.

On the 1970 tour, Australia achieved its triumphs, including the 1-0 win against Israel, through tight defence and the occasional well-mounted breakthrough. In Brisbane, Australia reached hitherto unsealed heights in technique, improvisation, mobility and incisive, direct forward play.

SPECTACULAR

Although fullbacks Harris and Alston were among the brightest stars of the match, this was the first game I have seen Australia play where the strikers and linkmen outshone the defenders.

As a result, the crowd was treated to Australia's most spectacular-ever attacking display, and how they loved it!

What the Lang Park crowd lacked in quantity, it made up in quality and the national team played to tumultuous cheers and full-throated roars of encouragement.

Only the woodwork and some superb goalkeeping by Iszhak Visoker stood between Australia and the victory they deserved.

Visoker performed heroically between the sticks and saved at least two sure goals while he was saved by the crossbar on one occasion when he appeared well and truly beaten by Vojtek's fierce drive.

For long periods the visitors were all but swamped by the fluent Australian attacks and perfect understanding of our midfield trio.

Australia, as expected, were also much fitter, but for once this was not the only deciding factor — skill also was.

DISADVANTAGE

The Israelis were understandably at a big disadvantage as it was their first competitive match for months and their first on foreign soil a mere 48 hours after a long 5,000 mile trip.

We don't subscribe to the theory that the visitors were unduly rough, or that they wasted time.

They played exactly as we would have had we been in their position, clinging to a draw in the last minutes of an international on foreign soil.



ALAN AINSLIE

Kalderon and especially Bello, however, overdid the rough stuff at times, and were lucky to strike so lenient a referee as Vince Dobinson.

Under the circumstances no wonder the Israelis were delighted with the result — precisely as we would have been had we managed to draw on our last year, say, with Mexico, whose domination at the Azteca, however, wasn't nearly as great as Australia's over Israel in Brisbane.

Israel were only ever really dangerous on dead balls.

Shpigler's cornerkicks and freekicks seemed to mesmerise the Aussie defence, particularly goalie Roger Romanowicz.

Uncertain in the opening stages, mainly because it took Peter Wilson a fair while to find his bearings, the Australian defence tightened considerably in the second half.

It was a tragedy that its only second half blunder, a "joint effort", so to speak, by Wilson and Romanowicz, had to result in the goal that put Israel ahead 2-1.

These were the highlights of the incident-packed match played at breakneck speed throughout:

HIGHLIGHTS

7th minute: Shpigler and Fagenbaum combine in the midfield and send Borba away, but the left winger snoots over the bar.

11th minute: Australia concedes a corner which Shpigler takes. His swerving shot is nudged in by Kalderon, exploiting a gap between Romanowicz and Alston. AUSTRALIA 0 ISRAEL 1.

12th minute: Another Shpigler corner creates danger as Romanowicz drops the high ball.

15 min.: Yet another Israeli corner. Borba slams the ball a good four metres wide of the mark with a first-time volley.

18 min.: Baartz' pass finds the unmarked Tolson who heads straight at Visoker when he had ample time to "pick" his spot.

19 min.: No mistake by Tolson this time. After Rooney's shot had been only partially blocked, Tolson's left-foot drive gave Visoker no chance for a great equaliser. AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 1.

24 min.: Tolson gets to an Ainslie cross too late with the Israeli goal unguarded.

25 min.: Shpigler, the deadball master, forces Romanowicz to palm a 30-metre freekick over the bar for a corner.

30 min.: A great solo run by Rooney down the right flank. When he gets to the corner flag, he sends in a curly inswinger which the startled Visoker can only tip over the bar.

31 min.: Tolson breaks away and heads for goal when referee Dobinson stops play for an imaginary foul which enrages the crowd.

34 min.: Dobinson is booed again when he allows Fagenbaum to proceed after he clearly touched the ball. Luckily for Australia, Mackay's diving tackle dispossesses the Israeli striker only 20 metres from goal.

35 min.: Shpigler spreads confusion in the Aussie defence with another cornerkick, which Romanowicz drops again.

36 min.: A breathtaking mazy solo run by Vojtek, who twists and turns round five defenders before his fierce drive is tipped over the bar by Visoker's reflex save.

37 min.: Another superb save from the overworked Israeli "keeper" — off Rooney this time.

40 min.: The irresistible Vojtek gives half a dozen Israelis the run-around in another dazzling run, but after taking on the entire defence his full-blooded drive crashes on the bar with Visoker beaten all ends up.

SECOND HALF

50 min.: Alston overlaps brilliantly and sends in a powerhit shot from 18 metres which Visoker saves acrobatically.

56 min.: Vojtek hits the outside netting after accepting a neat Ainslie cross.

59 min.: Baartz's turn to test the Israeli custodian with a sudden, low shot.

60 min.: The crowd is on its feet as Tolson, Ainslie and Baartz combine deftly before transmitting the ball to Vojtek, who shoots straight at Visoker.

62 min.: Bello, who is being turned inside-out by the diabolical Vojtek, has his name taken for cutting Vojtek down violently. The Croatia star will limp slightly for the rest of the match.

63 min.: Completely against the run of play, right in the midst of total Australian domination Peter Wilson doliies a weak clearance to an Israeli forward, whose not particularly hard shot is only partially saved by Romanowicz. Shpigler, lurking in the penalty box, lobs the ball into the empty goal. AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 2.

72 min.: A speedy breakaway by Alston nets Australia the equaliser. Before anyone can lay a hand on him, "Noddy" has the ball in the Israeli net with a low drive from 18 metres, which was deflected en route. AUSTRALIA 2 ISRAEL 2.

75 min.: Baartz' 20-metre low shot is just wide.

80 min.: Australia have two huge opportunities in less than a minute to win the match, but both are fluffed by Ainslie, who throws away the chance to become a hero in his first international appearance. A defence-splitting move involving five Aussies finishes on Ainslie who shoots wide only six metres from an empty net. About 45 seconds later Ainslie just has to push the ball over the line, but seems paralysed and Zvi Rosen charges across to clear off his line.

84 min.: Vojtek forces a corner from an Ainslie freekick, takes it himself and his inswinger is headed goalwards by Tolson, but Visoker fists the ball out under considerable pressure.

88 min.: Ainslie's cross finds Micic on the other wing. The classy midfielder dribbles around Bar. The ball goes over the line, but the referee doesn't give Australia a clear-cut corner.

Australia: Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Micic, Alston, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Vojtek, Tolson, Ainslie.

Israel: Visoker, Bar, Bello, Shum, Rosen, Schwager, Gal (Shaara-ban), Kalderon, Fagenbaum, Shpigler, Borba.

Scorers: Tolson 19 min. and Alston 72 min. for Australia; Kalderon 11 min. and Shpigler 63 min. for Israel.

Referee: V. Dobinson (Qld.).

Crowd: 5,000.

Two-match survey

JIMMY MACKAY OUR TOP MAN

ROGER ROMANOWICZ, long an understudy, could have seized his big chance with both hands.

The South Australian, however, never repeated his brilliant training form, was shaky in both Brisbane and Sydney, and inspired little confidence in his defence. If selected this Sunday, it could be his very last chance to earn future national squad selection.

GEORGE HARRIS' international debut was crowned with success. The young St. George-Budapest fullback confirmed his budding class and promise with a cool, classy display which would have done a veteran proud in Brisbane. In Sydney, like most of his teammates, he was less prominent because of the visitors' greater pressure, but he was still among our better players although he had less opportunities to overlap and join in attacking forays.

PETER WILSON had a poor first half in Brisbane and had a hand in Israel's second goal, but Sydney fans saw the real Wilson last Sunday. Apart from saving a certain goal when he pushed Shum's header off the line, his tackling was fierce and he was the master in the air, although the Israelis are no slouches when it comes to heading. Wilson answered those critics who still didn't rate him as our top stopper.

FRANK MICIC justified his surprise selection in Brisbane where he was amongst the best Aussies. Last Thursday he broke up several Israeli attacks with superb tackling and his distribution was first-class. One of the few Australians capable of matching the visitors' ball control he was seen exclusively as a twin-stopper in Sydney where he somewhat lacked pace.

ADRIAN ALSTON still has to prove his credibility as a fullback. In Brisbane it seemed as though he had taken to this unusual position like a duck to water with a great display of overlapping, tackling and distribution, but he had an unhappy match in Sydney when the pressure was on. He gave several bad passes and was often beaten by a simple dribble.

JIM MACKAY was Australia's best performer over the first two matches. In Brisbane his job was to neutralise the feared Shpigler like in Tel-Aviv last year. He succeeded in this thankless task despite the Israeli skipper's hand in both goals. Last Sunday his brilliant ball control shone like a beacon in the Australian defence as he worked his way out of trouble to hold possession and turn grim defence into attack in a few elegant strides.

JIM ROONEY worked like a Trojan in both games, but for little return in Sydney whereas he shone brightly at Lang Park. Rooney had a field day in Brisbane where he was always first on the ball to launch attack after attack — and lay on the first goal. In Sydney, he was forced to accomplish obscure defensive chores which wore him out as the game progressed.

RAY BAARTZ enjoyed midfield mastery in Brisbane, but that odd Sports-ground hoodoo still held last Sunday. For some unaccountable reason it's been more than two years now that the Hakoah star hasn't lived up to his reputation on Sydney's premier ground. His understanding with Rooney was one of the reasons for Australia's great match in Queensland, but

we saw little of the real Baartz in the second match of the series.

BILLY VOJTEK was like night and day and his performances couldn't have been more different. The dazzling Croatia-Melbourne striker paralysed the Israeli defence in Brisbane and was the best player on the field. This was his best-ever international display as everything he tried came off. In Sydney he was nowhere near that form. Actually, he was never in the match at any stage, and hardly touched the ball in the second half when it became obvious he couldn't repeat his Brisbane brilliance.

MAX TOLSON'S first two full international appearances were surrounded in controversy. One is either for or against Tolson, who certainly leaves no one indifferent. In my book, he gave a first-class performance in Brisbane and was our best forward in Sydney. Strong and persistent — unduly rough, some will claim — he was such a handful in both matches that he tied up several Israeli defenders. In Sydney it took three men to shackle him. Tolson may not be a connoisseur's delight, but in today's international soccer a "battering ram" type of striker can be just as useful as a clever ball player.

ALAN AINSLIE disappointed although his golden left boot gave Australia its 1-0 win. He has scored enough goals with that type of dipping shot to dismiss the sensational goal as a fluke. Unfortunately, we didn't see too much in 180 minutes from the St. George player. In Brisbane he only came to life for a spell in the second half with some remarkable crosses, but blotted an already indifferent display by missing some absolute "sitters". In the Sydney match, apart from his fantastic goal, we saw even less from this otherwise talented player.

ISRAEL

It was easy to see why ISZHAK SHUM was rated the best Israeli in the Mexican World Cup series. He was the most outstanding visitor in the two appearances to date, and in my book tied with Mackay as the player of the match in Sydney.

Shpigler better look out for his laurels. Shum is coming, if, in fact, he hasn't arrived already.

MORDECHAI SHPIGLER again impressed as a cool customer, definitely in world class, and a great gentleman and sportsman to the bargain. Although not in the best condition, he remains the perfect opportunist, playmaker and is still as lethal as ever on dead balls.

Fierce defenders MENACHEM BELLO and YESHAYAH SCHWAGER, injured after 38 minutes in Sydney, had good games though the former was lucky not to be sent off in Brisbane for crude fouls on Vojtek.

Last, but not least, the immensely talented goalie ISZHAK VISOKER, who seems to reserve some of his best 'keeping for us. Already sensational in the World Cup and in Tel-Aviv last year, Visoker, in the final reckoning, was Israel's most valuable player so far as he clearly saved them from defeat in Brisbane, and in Sydney prevented at least one goal.

— LOU GAUTIER

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Alan Ainslie (No. 11) being embraced by deliriously happy Australian team-mates after scoring his fantastic 12th minute goal. Other identifiable Aussies in Tim Pockley's photograph are Ray Baartz (8) and Jim Mackay, who is racing to join in the celebrations.

AFTER—MATCH COMMENTS

Here are some after-match comments from last Sunday's Australia v. Israel international at the Sydney Sportsground:

DETTMAR CRAMER, FIFA coach now in Australia: "Australia won, and that's what counts. At your stage of soccer development it's the results that matter. Crowd-pleasing soccer will come later. Your team is too young and inexperienced to play two good matches in a row. In Brisbane they excelled. In Sydney, in nervous Cup-tie atmosphere, their lack of international match-play told, but they still won. So why be greedy and complain?"

JOSEPH DAGAN, Israel's team-manager: "We are improving slowly, but surely. That's football, though, for you. Outplayed and unfit in Brisbane, we manage to draw. Playing the better football, we lose in Sydney!"

EDMOND SHILOVICH, coach of Israel: "The referee picked continually on our players in the first 10 minutes. Without this intimidation we would have won as we played the better football. Even without Shpigler we can still win in Melbourne."

AVRAHAM ZVONIMIR RASIC, Australian coach: "We had to win, and win we did. The boys can play better, as they showed in Brisbane, but the Israelis improved tremendously and we were up against world-class opposition. Just look at their World Cup results, and tell me Israel is not in world class!"

BOBBY COLLINS, ex-Leeds United and Scottish great, now coach of Hakoah: "Not a great spectacle, but a true competitive international match. Israel were more skilled but Australia appears better suited for today's type of football."

Referee TONY BOSKOVIC: "The dirtiest first 10 minutes of any match I've ever refereed. The teams were obviously carrying over the feud from where they left off in the last 10 minutes in Brisbane. If I hadn't worked overtime with my whistle in the opening minutes to assert my authority, the match would have degenerated into open warfare."

AUSTRALIA v. ISRAEL 1-0

Plenty of guts but finesse was missing

— By PAUL DEAN —

A few minutes after the start of the match last Sunday, Napoleon's famous quip to his pleading soldiers, dying in the snow of Russia, came into mind: "You bastards, do you want to live for ever?"

One wondered if all 22 players on the field will come through the ordeal with their limbs intact; if diplomatic relations between Australia and Israel would survive the unbearable strain.

Some of the more hair-raising moments would have done justice to a conflict over the Suez Canal where it's traditionally impossible to define who is the aggressor and who is the victim.

I guess it would seem unduly pedantic to complain about the lack of spectacle: after all, Australia won and, they say, this is what football is all about.

Had this been a World Cup elimination match where victory counts above anything else, this view could be justified.

But in a game where we are supposed to take stock of our prowess and resources, slightly different yardsticks must be applied.

"PHYSICAL"

The disturbing feature of Sunday's match was that, once again, Australia sank back to the good old days of guts-and-blood type of football.

We all know that "physical football" is here to stay; that apart from the divinely gifted Brazilians, no other team in the world dares to take the field without gritting their teeth in real or mock anger.

We also realise that Australia's forte has been and will be the more athletic qualities: toughness, speed, stamina, etc.

But surely, after six years of international contact, we would have the right to expect a bit more than that.

Alas, the Sydney public can't see much of that "bit more."

FEUDS

With the exception of a few fleeting moments, Australia's display was no more than "guisy."

Oh sure, they were dead keen to win and were clearly prepared to risk life and limb on the altar of this sacred goal — but in the process they overlooked the basic need to play constructive football.

A rich measure of personal and collective feuds provided the background to this tense, nervous and bad-tempered encounter.

Actually, the first 10 minutes were little better than a street fight.

Tolson, clearly having been instructed to upset and torment the Israel defence, did just that, using his con-

siderable strength, plus elbows, in the early exchanges.

Rosen, Schwager, Kalderon and Bello quickly took up the challenge, and from then on the war was on.

Referee Tony Boskovic had to have eyes like Marty Feldman to focus on the ball as well as the constant sidekicks and ankle taps; his whistle shrieked incessantly either to tame the bullock-like Tolson, or the infuriated and retaliating Israelis.

These conditions were simply not conducive to good football and of course, we saw little of it.

HELLBENT

Australia were hellbent on winning, regardless of the price or consequences — and this, in itself, should be a praiseworthy motive.

But football skill was relegated to secondary importance — and this, even in a tense international, is unforgivable.

During the whole 90 minutes Australia launched only three or four well-conceived, modern attacking moves.

Israel, once they calmed down a bit, were more constructive in the midfield.

The commanding figure of Shum and the elusive, elegant and cool Shpigler managed to mount more combinative attacks, especially on the right wing, where Shaarabani proved too much for an ebullient, but shaky Alston.

Apart from Ainslie's superb goal in the 12th minute, a fierce, dipping shot, Australia had only one real chance in the first half, in the 41st minute when Baartz finished a good move with a weak shot.

However, with a little luck Israel could have had two goals by then: in the 35th minute Faigenbaum, four minutes later Shpigler shot wide in good scoring positions.

Eleven minutes into the second half only Wilson's sangfroid saved Australia when he threw himself into Shum's close shot, with Romanowicz well beaten.

Between the 20th and 23rd minutes Australia had three great moments, but the chances were not taken.

Baartz's freekick, aimed at the upper far corner, was somehow saved by the brilliant Visoker and Tolson's header went just wide.

Then it was again Israel's turn. In the 76th minute Faigenbaum failed to connect with a low cross two metres from the goal and five minutes later Shpigler's header came back from the crossbar.

The last few minutes were again Australia's. In the 87th minute Ainslie broke through but shot prematurely and wide.

One minute from full-time Tolson was brought down inside the box but referee Boskovic, bending over backwards, refused to give a penalty.



PETER WILSON

Those who judge a match simply and purely by the result must have been pleased: Australia won.

After all, it's vitally important for us to learn and practise beating Israel with whom we are destined to come to grips again in the World Cup.

But the way this victory was achieved could not have pleased either coach Rale Rasic, the players, or the spectators.

To start with, there was an element of luck involved; Israel had more real chances than we did and without Ainslie's great goal, the match would have cer-

tainly ended in a stalemate.

The Sydney match also revealed that this new Australian team must either improve or undergo structural changes to be a World Cup "certainty".

Israel disappointed in two regards; they allowed themselves to be provoked to the border of nervous breakdown and they can't shoot.

Had all the Israelis kept their cool, as did Shpigler, Shum and a few others, it's likely that they would have drawn this match.

They had enough chances to convert at least one or two into goals, but their shooting power was pathetic.

Whether this Australian team really has more potential than last year's, as claimed by many after the Brisbane match, has yet to be confirmed.

I would tend to believe that the team's elan and gutsiness wouldn't suffer if we had one or two more ballplayers instead of courageous athletes.

REFEREE

Referee Boskovic had an unenviable task to keep the game under reasonable control.

The "home town refereeing" charge against him, raised by the Israelis, was most unfair. Actually, he would have been justified to award Australia a penalty at the end when Tolson was unceremoniously upended.

That he had to stop the game so often for fouls behind the ball wasn't of his own making; indeed, it speaks highly for his eagle eyes that he spotted those vicious little fouls which most spectators had missed.

Australia: Romanowicz, Harris, Wilson, Micic, Alston, Rooney, Mackay, Baartz, Vojtek, Tolson, Ainslie.

Israel: Visoker, Bar, Bello, Shum, Rosen, Schwager (Rozendorn 38 min.), Kalderon, Shpigler, Shaarabani, Faigenbaum, Borba (Ninio, halftime).

Scorer: Ainslie, 12 min.
Referee: A. Boskovic.
Crowd: 13,500.



The happy relieved expression on the face of Arian Alston tells the story as goalie Roger Romanowicz (22) tips Iszhak Shum's powerful header over the bar.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Gross receipts at the Australia v. Israel match in Brisbane totalled \$4,600, and in Sydney last Sunday about \$14,000. Even if the Melbourne game grosses \$12,000 as hopefully expected, the ASF will fall well short of the \$40,000 needed to recover costs — and this despite Israel's tremendous gesture of foregoing match fees and agreeing to be paid only airfares, accommodation and pocket money.

Soccer suffered a great loss with the sudden death last week of JOE CAJKA, the Marconi treasurer. Aged 40, Joe Cajka died of cancer at Bankstown Hospital after it was first thought he only needed an appendectomy. Before joining Marconi in 1966, Joe was an Executive member of the Southern Districts Association and of the NSW Juniors. "Soccer World" extends its sympathy to Joe's bereaved family.

The Australian Federation has KNOCKED BACK a Melbourne promoter's plan for a tournament in Melbourne next season between NSW, Victoria, and two foreign club sides.

MICK JONES, the NSW under-21 coach, has left Melita Eagles to join Manly in 1972.

Marconi's TOP EXECUTIVES for 1972 are: Carlo Zaccarotto, president; Frank Labbozzetta, L. Doria, vice-presidents; M. De Havilland, treasurer in place of the regretted late Joe Cajka.

The All Nations' OVER-32 Northern Districts-sponsored competition will be played at Englefield Stadium, Dural, this weekend with players such as Les Scheinflug, Herbert Ninas and Jack Sedgwick (ex-Granville). Play starts at noon on Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Teams competing are Poland, Germany, Holland, Italy, Israel, Austria, Australia, England, Scotland and Hungary.

JEAN CUTHBERT, now in hospital for a cartilage operation, has been placed on transfer by South Coast for \$1,000 — an absolute bargain for any club as he is one of Sydney's best, if under-rated, defenders.

Israeli skipper MORDECHAI SHPIGLER created a tremendous impression when he was interviewed on Channel 9's Saturday morning sports show last week. Shpi-

glar adroitly parried several controversial questions by the all-rugby league panel of Mike Gibson, Geoff Prenter and Frank Hyde so well that all agreed he was one of the show's best-ever interviewees.

The ABC's "MATCH OF THE DAY" will start again in the last week of December. It will be shown at about 10.15 p.m. Mondays. Channel 9, however, has stopped showing "Star Soccer" because they didn't agree to the conditions of purchase for the films which stipulated they can't be shown on Sunday afternoons so not to clash with local games.

ARTHUR T. GEORGE will be re-elected unopposed as president at the ASF's Annual General Meeting in Melbourne on Saturday. Five have nominated for the two vice-presidential posts: Alderman Ian Brusasco (Queensland), Cr. Julius Re (WA), T. Marmaras (Victoria), P. Nikolich (SA) and Vic Tutting (Tasmania).

In conjunction with Melita Eagles, the Eastern Eagles Soccer Club, will run a SUMMER COACHING SCHOOL at Queens Park, Darley Road, Randwick, from November 19 until December 17 every Friday from 5.30 till 8 p.m. Interested boys aged 13 to 18 are cordially invited. Ring Drew Robertson at 328-7792 for further details.

South Coast have granted FREE CLEARANCES to goalies George Ramage and halfback Phil Carr.

JIM MACKAY, Australia's best player against Israel last Sunday, will be 28 years old today (Friday, November 19). Jim, who had a spell as a professional with Airdrie in his native Scotland, has been with Croatia-Melbourne since 1965.

South Coast have secured a new midfield player from England. He is TERRY HURLEY, whose last club was the amateur Wimbledon, but who had professional experience with Leyton Orient.

The PARKLEA COACHING ACADEMY will have a 60 feet-long swimming pool for its summer coaching courses. The pool site has been excavated and the entire job is scheduled for completion by the first week in December. Young players will be given a couple of hours for swimming and relaxation during the heat of the day. Camp No. 1 will be held January 9-14 and No. 2 January 16-21. A \$30 fee is charged, which includes full board. Enquiries for remaining places can be made to Cec Campbell (Tel. 521-2116) or Charles Valentine (40-3196).

Mordechai Shpipler left for England after Wednesday's match against Hakoah. The Israeli skipper will appear in a "World XI" (a euphemism now too loosely used) in London on November 23 against West Ham United in a testimonial match for England.

CUP TO CROATIA

Despite the absence of Australian internationals Jim Mackay and Billy Vojtek, Croatia last Sunday beat SM-Hellas (minus Marshall) 3-2 in the final of the Victorian "Top Four" series.

Armstrong opened the scoring for Hellas from a 43rd minute penalty, but Croatia equalised in the 53rd minute through Kuzilek, and minutes later went ahead with a 20-minute goal by Ivanovic.

Hellas drew level 10 minutes from the end when young Cassidy scored directly from a corner, but four minutes later Adlam notched the winning goal.

COUNTRY MUST BE ENCOURAGED

— BY KEITH GILMOUR —

The amateur season in the NSW country this year saw some worthwhile improvements.

The standard of administration is certainly improving, and this must lead to further progress in the quality of football.

Wagga is a case in point, as their senior grades are showing out much better than previously.

Amongst the juniors, Orange and Blayney did particularly well.

In under-8 grade Orange gained a draw with Bankstown, and lost their series on goal average.

Orange was good enough to gain a win over Illawarra on the way through.

Canberra was able to get an under-12 team in the last four of the prestige "Champion of Champions" competition.

It remains a misfortune of soccer that administra-

tion in the country remains divided. It is essential to the progress of the game and the Australian-trained player that there be a series between the country districts at senior level.

A championship could be conducted in Sydney over Easter for example, or games could be held between districts on the lines of the rugby league country titles.

The game cannot go ahead until there is a regular stream of developing players coming into the game from the country.

As it is, one half of the State is run by Newcastle and one half by Sydney, and so far as the country areas are concerned they are never encouraged to meet each other.

TWO MORE WEEKS

SOCCER WORLD continues publishing till December 3 when we go into our brief annual summer recess, to reappear on January 23, 1972.

In next week's issue a full report on Israel's last two matches in Australia, and text of Dettmar Cramer's address to the NSW clubs last week, together with all our regular features.

In our last issue for 1971 we will publish our awards for the year — always an eagerly awaited full page of kudos, which will include Victoria this year.

Second Division Review PROVINCIALS HARD TO BEAT

— BY CHARLES SPITERI —

The loss of several players from the previous year's side weakened Balgownie in 1971, yet the team slipped only one place back in comparison and maintained their traditional reputation for toughness.

Out of the team this season were Ron McGarry, Dennis Paterson, Graham Baker, Phil Worthington, and several others who were mostly replaced by inexperienced youngsters with the exception of player-coach Brian Edgely.

Although never a serious contender for promotion, Balgownie were a tough nut to crack, particularly at home where most of their big results were gained.

The same side that could be beaten by lowly North Sydney-Inter and drew twice with Artamon, was able to score two of the most prestigious victories of the season.

On a mud-splattered Cricket Ground No. 2, Balgownie dashed Corinthians' hopes for promotion by beating them 2-1 at the height of their successful run.

Balgownie was the only side that convincingly beat promotion winners Sutherland in an unforgettable game that left the champions stunned and bewildered for weeks after.

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McGUCKIN'S FEAT

In that particular encounter, the unsung hero was Nigel McGuckin, who ripped through the Sutherland defence unchecked to score all four goals as the opposition watched in despair.

Yet, while they did so well against the stronger teams, including a 2-2 draw with Granville and two wins over Bankstown, Balgownie lost to Guildford and Inter, and also only drew once with Concordia.

McGuckin scored 13 goals to become the club's top scorer.

Coach Brian Edgely and outside-left Errol Freeme were sound performers and their contribution of seven goals apiece to the team's tally of 42 were good efforts.

Reasonable hopes could be pinned on the young newcomers who showed plenty of promising talent during the season.

These include 16-year-old left-back Richard Piec, who probably takes top marks for his performances, centre-forward Steve Royall and Ross Paterson.

There are several others in Balgownie's lower grade "nurseries" who seem certain to force their way into the first team next season.

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